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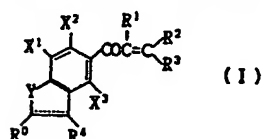
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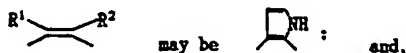
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(54) Benzofuran and benzothiophene derivatives

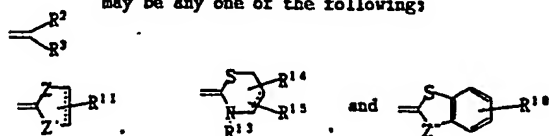
(57) New diuretic antihypertensives, i.e., benzofuran or benzothiophene derivatives have the formula:



wherein X<sup>1</sup>, X<sup>2</sup>, and X<sup>3</sup> are each independently hydrogen, halogen or CH<sub>3</sub>; Y is an oxygen or sulfur atom; R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, aralkyl or alkoxy carbonyl; R<sup>2</sup> is SR<sup>5</sup>, OR<sup>6</sup> or NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup>, wherein R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl or carbamoylmethyl, R<sup>6</sup> is alkyl, R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are each independently hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, furylmethyl or acyl or when R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are considered together with the adjacent nitrogen atom they may form pyrrolidino, piperidino or morpholino or one of R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen and the other is -C(O)R<sup>22</sup> where R<sup>22</sup> is alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkylene or substituted alkylene; R<sup>3</sup> is SR<sup>9</sup> or S(O)R<sup>10</sup>, wherein R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or aralkyl and R<sup>10</sup> is alkyl; R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or alkyl, R<sup>5</sup> is CHO, COCH<sub>3</sub>, COOCH<sub>2</sub>COOH, CN, CH=NOH, COR<sub>17</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>OR<sub>18</sub>, CONR<sub>19</sub>R<sub>20</sub> or CH<sub>2</sub>OC(O)-CH<sub>2</sub>R<sub>21</sub>, wherein R<sub>17</sub> is hydrogen, alkali metal, or alkyl, R<sub>18</sub> is hydrogen, alkyl or acyl, R<sub>19</sub> and R<sub>20</sub> are each independently hydrogen or alkyl or R<sub>19</sub> and R<sub>20</sub> may form pyrrolidino together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, and R<sub>21</sub> is hydrogen or lower alkyl;



may be any one of the following:



wherein Z is O, S, or NH, Z' is S or N-R<sub>12</sub>, Z'' is S, NH or N-CH<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>11</sub> is hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy, carbonyl or methylene, R<sub>12</sub>, R<sub>13</sub>, R<sub>14</sub> and R<sub>15</sub> are each independently hydrogen or alkyl, R<sub>15</sub> is hydrogen or carbonyl, and the dotted line represents the presence or absence of a double bond.

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## SPECIFICATION

## Benzofuran and benzothiophene derivatives

- 5 The present invention relates to novel benzofuran and benzothiophene derivatives having anti-hypertensive, diuretic and uricosuric activities. 5

All diuretic antihypertensives are classified, by the actions and structures thereof, as diuretic thiazides, loop diuretics, or potassium-sparing diuretics such as antialdosterone-type compounds. The benzofuran- or benzothiophene-derivatives of the present invention can reasonably be classi-

- 10 fied into the loop diuretics category. The following are representatives of loop diuretic agents which are clinically used or are under research and development. 10

Ethacrynic acid: Edecil® (Nippon Merck-Banyu),

Chlorthalidone: Hygroton® (Fujisawa Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd./Ciba-Geigy Japan),

Mefruside: Baycaron® (Yositomi Pharmaceutical Ind.)

- 15 Furosemide: Lasix® (Hoechst) 15

Bumetanide: Lunetoron® (Sankyo Co., Ltd)

Tienilic acid, or Ticymafen: U.S. Patent No. 3,758,506 (C.E.R.P.H.A.),

Indacrinone and the derivatives: Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication Nos. 57-163338,

57-163339, 57-176920, 57-176968, 57-209246 (Merck),

- 20 Benzenesulfonamide derivatives substituted at 2, 3 and 4 positions: JPN Unexam. Pub. No. 58-124758 (Fujisawa Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.), 20

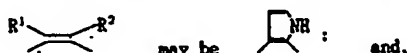
5-Acyl-substituted-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran derivatives: JPN Unexam. Pub. No. 52-10261 (Merck).

The compounds of this invention are also acyl-substituted-2, 3-dihydrobenzofuran derivatives in their essential structure, but are different in their partial structure to those referred to above.

- 25 This invention thus provides new diuretic compounds which can, for example, be administered orally at a daily-dosage of 0.5-200 mg, preferably 1-100 mg, or parenterally at e.g., 0.01-50 mg, preferably 0.1-20 mg, and which have the following formula (I): 25



- 35 wherein X<sup>1</sup>, X<sup>2</sup>, and X<sup>3</sup> are each independently hydrogen, halogen or CH<sub>3</sub>; Y is an oxygen or sulfur atom; R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, aralkyl or alkoxy-carbonyl; R<sup>2</sup> is SR<sup>5</sup>, OR<sup>6</sup> or NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup>, 35 wherein R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl or carbamoylmethyl, R<sup>6</sup> is alkyl, R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are each independently hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, furylmethyl or acyl or when R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are considered together with the adjacent nitrogen atom they may form pyrrolidino, 40 piperidino or morpholino or one of R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen and the other is -C(O)R<sup>22</sup> where R<sup>22</sup> is alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkylene or substituted alkylene; R<sup>3</sup> is SR<sup>9</sup> or S(O)RR<sup>10</sup>, wherein R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or aralkyl and R<sup>10</sup> is alkyl; R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or alkyl, R<sup>0</sup> is CHO, COCH<sub>3</sub>, COOCH<sub>2</sub>COOH, CN, CH=NOH, COOR<sup>17</sup>, CH<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>18</sup>, CONR<sup>19</sup>R<sup>20</sup> or CH<sub>2</sub>OC(O)-CH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>21</sup>, wherein 45 R<sup>17</sup> is hydrogen, alkali metal, or alkyl, R<sup>18</sup> is hydrogen, alkyl or acyl, R<sup>19</sup> and R<sup>20</sup> are each independently hydrogen or alkyl or R<sup>19</sup> and R<sup>20</sup> may form pyrrolidino together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, and R<sup>21</sup> is hydrogen or lower alkyl; 45



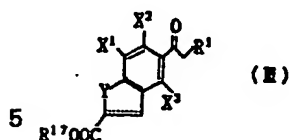
- 50 may be any one of the following: 50



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- wherein Z is O, S, or NH, Z' is S or N-R<sup>12</sup>, Z'' is S, NH or N-CH<sub>3</sub>, R<sup>11</sup> is hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy, 60 carbonyl or methylene, R<sup>12</sup>, R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup> and R<sup>15</sup> are each independently hydrogen or alkyl, R<sup>15</sup> is hydrogen or carbonyl, and the dotted line represents the presence or absence of a double bond. Therapeutically acceptable salts of the compounds of the invention are included within the scope of the invention. 60

- Compounds of the formula (I) can be prepared from benzofuran or benzothiophene derivatives 65 as starting materials having the following formula (III): 65



wherein X<sup>1</sup>, X<sup>2</sup>, X<sup>3</sup>, Y, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>17</sup> each has the same meaning as above, according to the processes explained in the reaction schemes given later. Each symbol used in the reaction

10 schemes has the same meaning as above.

Abbreviations used in this specification are listed as follows:

DMA	Dimethylacetamide	
DME	Dimethoxyethane	
15 DCC	1,3-Dicyclohexylcarbodiimide	15
THF	Tetrahydrofuran	
DMSO	Dimethyl sulfoxide	
DMF	Dimethylformamide	
p-TsOH	para-Toluenesulfonic acid	
20 Me	Methyl	20
Et	Ethyl	
MeOH	Methanol	
EtOH	Ethanol	
Et <sub>2</sub> O	Diethyl ether	
25 $\phi$	Phenyl	25
qu.	Quantitatively	

Compounds of this invention have anti-hypertensive and diuretic activities and can be used as diuretic antihypertensives in the treatment or prophylaxis of essential or renal hypertension,

30 nephredema, cardiac or hepatic edema, gestosis or like diseases.

The compounds of this invention may be administered orally or parenterally (intravenously or intramuscularly) in a suitable form, e.g. such as tablets, granules, fine granules, powders, capsules, injections or like formulations. They can be administered orally in a single or divided doses of 0.5–200 mg a day, preferably 1–100 mg, or parenterally at a dosage of 0.01–50 mg,

35 preferably 0.1–20 mg.

In the formula (I), "alkyl" includes straight or branched chain C<sub>1</sub>–C<sub>8</sub> alkyl such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, s-butyl, isobutyl, pentyl, isopentyl, or the like. "Alkenyl" includes C<sub>2</sub>–C<sub>5</sub> alkenyl such as vinyl, 1-propenyl, 2-propenyl, 3-butenyl, 1,4-butadienyl, 3-pentenyl, and the like. "Aryl" includes C<sub>6</sub>–C<sub>12</sub> aryl such as phenyl, naphthyl and the like. "Aralkyl" includes C<sub>7</sub>–C<sub>9</sub> aralkyl for example, benzyl, phenethyl, and the like. "Alkoxy" includes C<sub>1</sub>–C<sub>8</sub> alkoxy such as methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, n-propoxycarbonyl, isopropoxycarbonyl, n-butoxycarbonyl, sec-butoxycarbonyl, tert-butoxycarbonyl, and the like. "Alkynyl" includes C<sub>2</sub>–C<sub>5</sub> alkynyl such as ethynyl, 2-propynyl, and the like. "Cycloalkyl" includes C<sub>3</sub>–C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl, for example, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl. "Acyl" includes C<sub>1</sub>–C<sub>5</sub> alkanoyl (e.g. formyl, acetyl, propionyl, butyryl or valeryl) and benzoyl. "Substituted alkylene" includes C<sub>2</sub>–C<sub>4</sub> alkylene which may be substituted and "alkylene" includes C<sub>2</sub>–C<sub>4</sub> alkylene such as methylene, ethylene, trimethylene, tetramethylene, and the like. "Halogen", which may be represented by X<sup>1</sup>, X<sup>2</sup> or X<sup>3</sup>, includes fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine.

Most of the starting materials which are used in the Examples which are given below are disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 3,751,436 or J. Med.Chem. 24(7), 865–873, 1981, or can readily be prepared from such materials.

The compounds of the present invention can be prepared by a process comprising effecting the desired step(s) in accordance with any of the following reaction schemes. Thus, multi-stage and single-stage processes are included in the invention.

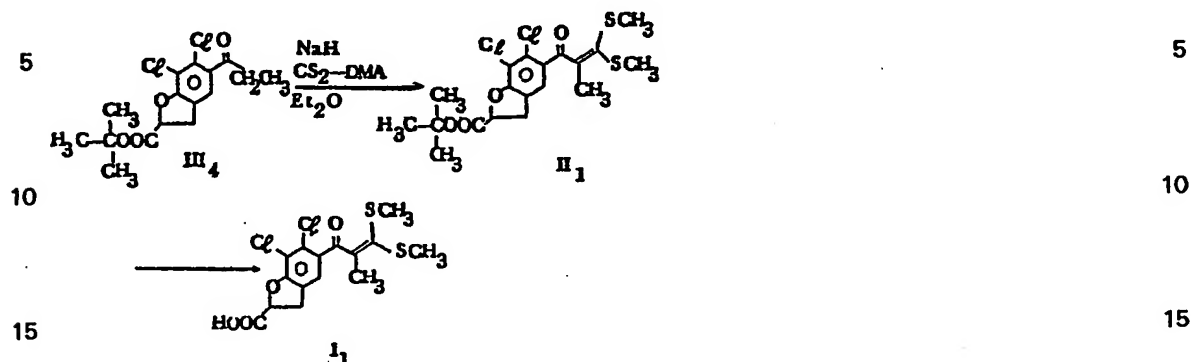
55 The invention also provides a pharmaceutical or veterinary formulation comprising a compound of the invention or a salt of the invention, in either case formulated for pharmaceutical or veterinary use, respectively. Such formulations may be in unit dosage form and/or include an acceptable diluent, carrier or excipient. Such formulations may be made by standard means and using materials known in the art in accordance with normal practice.

60 The invention further provides a method of making a medicament for producing an antihypertensive, diuretic or uricosuric effect, which method comprises formulating a compound of the invention or a salt of the invention for such purpose.

The following Examples are provided to illustrate this invention in more detail.

65 Example 1

Preparation of 6,7-dichloro-5-[2-methyl-3,3-bis(methylthio)-propanoyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid I<sub>1</sub>



To a suspension of 2.03 g (55.5 mmol) of 65.6% sodium hydride in 30 ml of dry ether is, under nitrogen flow while being stirred, added a solution of 8.0 g (23.3 mmol) of t-butyl 6,7-dichloro-5-propionyloxy-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylate III<sub>4</sub>, 5.3 g (69.6 mmol) of carbon disulfide and 9.9 g (69.6 mmol) of iodomethane in 190 ml of dry ether, and then 4.8 ml of N,N-dimethylacetamide and the resulting mixture is allowed to react at room temperature for 72 hours. The reaction mixture is poured into ice-cold water and extracted three times with benzene. The benzene layers are combined, washed with water (four times), dried over magnesium sulfate and evaporated to give 13.2 g of a residue. This is chromatographed on a column of 160 g of silica gel (by Merck 70-230 mesh) with n-hexane/benzene (7/3) (F-1, 2 L), n-hexane/benzene (65/35) (F-2, 2 L), n-hexane/benzene (3/2) (F-3, 2 L), n-hexane/benzene (55/45) (F-4, 1 L), n-hexane/benzene (1/1) (F-5, 0.5 L), n-hexane/benzene (3/7) (F-6, 1 L), n-hexane/benzene (1/4) (F-7, 0.8 L), and benzene (F-8, 1 L) in order. From the last three fractions, i.e. F-6, F-7, and F-8 is obtained 9.4 g of compound II<sub>1</sub>, as an oil, yield 90.3%.

IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 1740 (C(O)-O-C-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1640 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

NMR  $\delta_{\text{ppm}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.50 (9H, s), 2.23 (3H, s), 2.00 (3H, s), 2.35 (3H, s), 3.20-3.93 (2H, m), 5.10-5.45 (1H, m), 7.37-7.42 (1H, m).

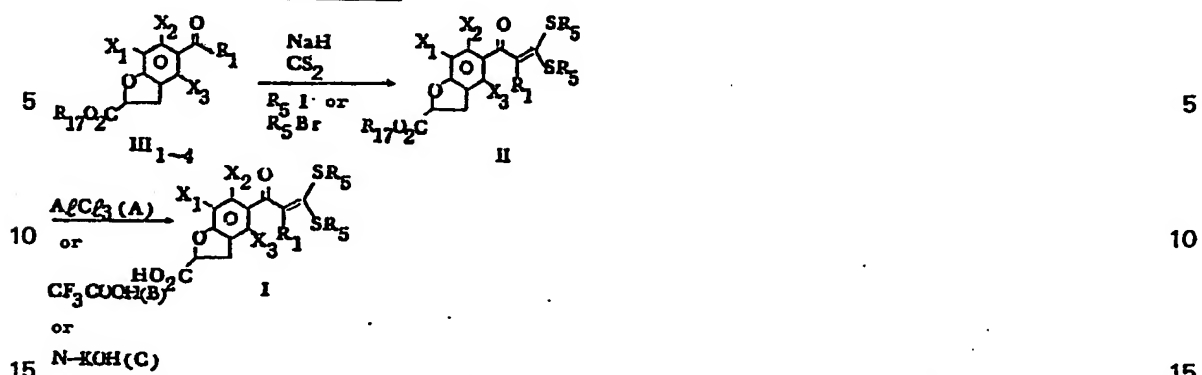
To a solution of 7.7 g (17.1 mmol) of the compound II<sub>1</sub>, in 80 ml of dry dichloromethane is added 2.7 g (20.2 mmol) of anhydrous aluminium chloride (powder) under ice-cooling while being stirred and the mixture is allowed to react for an hour and then for additional 2.5 hours at room temperature.

The reaction mixture is poured into ice-cold water, then combined with 6 ml of 10% hydrochloric acid, and extracted three times with ether. The ether layers are combined, washed with water, dried over magnesium sulfate and evaporated to give 6.8 g of a residue. The residue is treated with a mixture of n-hexane-isopropyl ether to give crystals, mp. 124-128°C, which are recrystallized from isopropyl ether to give 5.6 g of yellowish white crystals, yield 83.1% mp. 131-132°C.

Anal. Calcd. (%) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>

: C 45.80 H 3.59, Cl 18.03, S 16.31,  
Found (%) : C 45.52, H 3.63, Cl 17.91, S 16.25.  
IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (Nujol) : 2630, 1724, 1710, 1648, 1605 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

## Example 2-15



The compounds (I<sub>2-15</sub>) are prepared in the same manner as in Example 1, whose physical constants and reaction conditions are shown in the following Table 1 (Nos. 1 and 2).

Table 1 (No. 1)

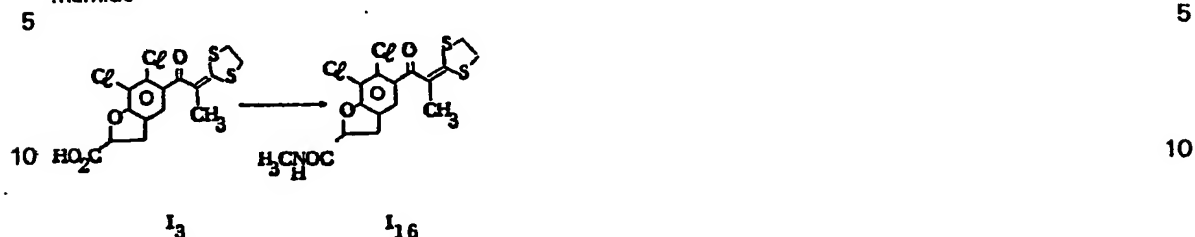
Example No.	III				Amount used (mmol)		Solvent in Et <sub>2</sub> O DMA or DME	Temp, °C	Time	R <sub>g</sub>	Viscosity (η)	NMR: δ ppm
	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	X <sub>1</sub>	X <sub>2</sub>	III	CS <sub>2</sub> or NaI						
2	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	2.5 (7.2)	0.04 (1.6)	Et <sub>2</sub> O	25	72	CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	7.7	150 (61, s) 130 (61, s) 150 (11, s) 227 (31, s) 307-393 (41, m) 510-540 (11, m) 730 (11, s) 140 (91, s) 200 (31, s) 307-370 (61, m) 503-537 (11, m) 092 (11)
3	"	"	"	"	1.5 (4.3)	0.38 (1.3)	Ether	"	148	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C=	3 2.9	150 (91, s) 247-200 (51, m) 273-393 (61, m) 505-543 (11, m) 698-708 (11)
4	"	"	"	"	3.0 (8.7)	0.76 (2.6)	Et <sub>2</sub> O	"	96	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C=	7.7	130 (1, 31) 205 (5, 31) 317-356 (21, m) 380 (5, 31) 403 (21, s) 429 (21, q) 517-556 (11, m) 697-747 (11, m)
5	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	"	"	"	4.0 (9.2)	1.10 (3.8)	Et <sub>2</sub> O	"	48	CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	3 4.7	137 (61, s) 148 (61, s) 277 (61, m) 502-537 (11, m) 720 (11)
6	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	4.2 (9.2)	0.04 (1.6)	Et <sub>2</sub> O	"	72	CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	7 0.7	127 (31, s) 220 (61, s) 333-363 (21, m) 422 (9, 21) 513-542 (11, m) 712-748 (11)
7	"	"	"	"	2.4 (7.2)	0.04 (1.6)	Et <sub>2</sub> O	"	72	CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	1 1.3	128 (31, s) 197 (31, s) 238 (5, 31) 307-340 (21, m) 375 (21, s) 425 (21, q) 512-540 (11, m) 658 (11) 720 (51) 513-530 (31, s) 222 (31, s) 227 (31, s) 313-392 (21, m) 425 (21, q) 520-547 (11, m) 740 (11) 757-817 (41, m) 221 (31, s) 234 (31, s) 317-373 (21, m) 425 (21, q) 525 (31, s) 687 (11, s) 752 (11, m)
8	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	"	"	"	1.8 (4.7)	0.42 (1.4)	DME	"	24	CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	7 2.1	130 (31, s) 220 (31, s) 227 (31, s) 313-392 (21, m) 425 (21, q) 520-547 (11, m) 740 (11) 757-817 (41, m) 221 (31, s) 234 (31, s) 317-373 (21, m) 425 (21, q) 525 (31, s) 687 (11, s) 752 (11, m)
9	"	CH <sub>3</sub>	"	"	0.3 (0.8)	0.07 (0.2)	Et <sub>2</sub> O	"	72	CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	2 4.0	130 (31, s) 220 (31, s) 227 (31, s) 313-392 (21, m) 425 (21, q) 520-547 (11, m) 740 (11) 757-817 (41, m) 221 (31, s) 234 (31, s) 317-373 (21, m) 425 (21, q) 525 (31, s) 687 (11, s) 752 (11, m)
10	"	CH <sub>3</sub>	"	"	1.0 (2.4)	0.32 (0.7)	Et <sub>2</sub> O	"	24	CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	1 4.0	130 (31, s) 220 (31, s) 227 (31, s) 313-392 (21, m) 425 (21, q) 520-547 (11, m) 740 (11) 757-817 (41, m) 221 (31, s) 234 (31, s) 317-373 (21, m) 425 (21, q) 525 (31, s) 687 (11, s) 752 (11, m)
11	"	CH <sub>3</sub>	"	"	0.9 (2.4)	0.29 (0.7)	Et <sub>2</sub> O	"	72	CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	1 7.3	130 (31, s) 220 (31, s) 227 (31, s) 313-392 (21, m) 425 (21, q) 520-547 (11, m) 740 (11) 757-817 (41, m) 221 (31, s) 234 (31, s) 317-373 (21, m) 425 (21, q) 525 (31, s) 687 (11, s) 752 (11, m)
12	"	CH <sub>3</sub>	"	"	1.2 (3.5)	0.34 (0.8)	Et <sub>2</sub> O	"	216	CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	1 7.6	130 (31, s) 220 (31, s) 227 (31, s) 313-392 (21, m) 425 (21, q) 520-547 (11, m) 740 (11) 757-817 (41, m) 221 (31, s) 234 (31, s) 317-373 (21, m) 425 (21, q) 525 (31, s) 687 (11, s) 752 (11, m)
13	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	"	"	2.5 (6.2)	0.82 (2.5)	Et <sub>2</sub> O	"	72	CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	8.4	130 (31, s) 220 (31, s) 227 (31, s) 313-392 (21, m) 425 (21, q) 520-547 (11, m) 740 (11) 757-817 (41, m) 221 (31, s) 234 (31, s) 317-373 (21, m) 425 (21, q) 525 (31, s) 687 (11, s) 752 (11, m)
14	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	1.5 (5.1)	0.41 (1.2)	Et <sub>2</sub> O	"	96	CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	8.8	130 (31, s) 220 (31, s) 227 (31, s) 313-392 (21, m) 425 (21, q) 520-547 (11, m) 740 (11) 757-817 (41, m) 221 (31, s) 234 (31, s) 317-373 (21, m) 425 (21, q) 525 (31, s) 687 (11, s) 752 (11, m)
15	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.6 (2.1)	0.36 (0.7)	Et <sub>2</sub> O	"	72	CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	3 7.0	130 (31, s) 220 (31, s) 227 (31, s) 313-392 (21, m) 425 (21, q) 520-547 (11, m) 740 (11) 757-817 (41, m) 221 (31, s) 234 (31, s) 317-373 (21, m) 425 (21, q) 525 (31, s) 687 (11, s) 752 (11, m)

Table 1 (No. 2)

Exemplar No.	Amount (mmol)	Formula	Crystallization From	m.p. °C	Formula	C	H	O	S	N	I R	N M R
2	0.23	B	8 3.3	121~122	$C_{10}H_{12}O_4S_2$	50.78	4.93	16.70	14.27		2630-2540	
3	0.64	B	8 8.4	251~232	$C_{16}H_{12}O_4S_2$	50.70	4.78	15.94	14.26		1715, 1601, 1611	
4	0.55	B	8 2.8	221~222	$C_{10}H_{14}O_4S_2$	46.04	5.09	16.12	16.39		2850-2550, 1753	
5	0.70	C	4 9.5	120~130	$C_{27}H_{22}O_4S_2$	45.89	3.05	17.86	16.12		1710, 1616, 1603	
6	0.80	A	8 3.4	258~260	$C_{14}H_{12}O_4S_2$	47.41	3.48	17.50	15.02		2680-2586, 2490	
7	2.60	A	6 2.1	175~177	$C_{10}H_{16}O_4S_2$	47.15	3.60	17.39	15.62		1750, 1608, 1570	
8	1.60	C	5 5.1	163~165	$C_{21}H_{16}O_4S_2$	59.45	4.07	13.00	11.76		2720-2646, 2550	
9	0.091 (0.2)	C	8 4.7	139~134	$C_{21}H_{16}O_4S_2$	59.55	3.94	13.03	11.68		1737, 1712, 1647	
10	0.165 (0.3)	C	6 4.1	136~120	$C_{16}H_{16}O_4S_2$	44.33	3.19	16.70	16.01		1911	1.24 (s, 2.53 (m), 3.10~3.93 (2H, m), 5.31~5.58 (1H, m), 6.40 (1H, s), 7.39 (1H, s), 1.32, 1.35, 6.11 (2H, s), 2.87~3.30 (m, 4H), 3.47~3.80 (m, 2H), 7.30 (1H, s), 5.33~6.00 (2H, m), 2.91, 6.52, 1.11, 1.5)
11	0.23	C	3 0.0	130~136	$C_{16}H_{16}O_4S_2$	52.00	3.76	15.61	13.06		1710, 1602, 1605	
12	0.28	C	8 4.1	97~137	$C_{15}H_{16}O_4S_2$	53.75	3.81	15.11	13.56		2560-2580, 1740	
13	0.30	C	6 5.3	130~129	$C_{16}H_{16}O_4S_2$	53.67	4.02	15.25	13.53		1713, 1653, 1603	
14	0.17	C	5 1.3	246~248	$C_{16}H_{16}O_4S_2$	48.00	3.02	14.17	12.02	2.80	3460-3550	
15	0.35	A	7 9.7	240	$C_{16}H_{16}O_4S_2$	47.93	3.01	13.92	12.05	2.80	1770, 1739, 1682	
					$C_{16}H_{16}O_4S_2$	50.20	4.21	9.08	17.87		1605, 1614	
					$C_{16}H_{16}O_4S_2$	50.30	4.13	9.99	17.85		3300-2400	
					$C_{15}H_{16}O_4S_2$	50.06	4.17	9.68	17.55		3000-2000, 1740	
					$C_{16}H_{16}O_4S_2$	55.54	4.57	10.76			1652, 1609, 1590	
					$C_{16}H_{16}O_4S_2$	55.24	4.94	19.72			3400-2000	
					$C_{16}H_{16}O_4S_2$	51.54	4.59	0.50	17.19		1737, 1642, 1602	
					$C_{16}H_{16}O_4S_2$	51.45	4.52	0.61	17.12		1430	
					$C_{16}H_{16}O_4S_2$	56.78	5.36		10.95		3300-2400	
					$C_{16}H_{16}O_4S_2$	56.49	5.22		10.74		1740, 1645, 1602	
					$C_{16}H_{16}O_4S_2$						3200-2200	
					$C_{16}H_{16}O_4S_2$						1740, 1652	

**Example 16**

6,7-Dichloro-5-[2-(1,3-dithiolan-2-ylidene)propionyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-N-methylformamide



15 In 5 ml of dichloromethane, 0.250 g (0.6 mmol) of the compound ( $I_3$ ), 0.138 g (0.7 mmol) of 1,3-dicyclohexyl carbodiimide (D.C.C.) and a large excess amount of methylamine are allowed to react at room temperature for 20 hours. The reaction product is purified by chromatography on a Lober column (Type B) with a mixture of chloroform-benzene-ethyl acetate (3/1/1) to give 0.21 g of the compound ( $I_{16}$ ), yield 46.5%, mp. 230–233°C (dec.), which is recrystallized from ethyl acetate to give 0.091 g of grayish crystals, yield 34.9%, mp. 232–234°C (dec.).

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Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $C_{15}H_{15}Cl_2NO_3S_2$

: C 47.53 H 3.74, Cl 17.54, N 3.46, S 15.86,

Found (%) : C 47.54, H 3.69, Cl 17.81, N 3.55, S 15.90.

25 IR  $\nu_{\max}$ (Nujol) : 3315, 3310, 1654, 1615, 1603  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

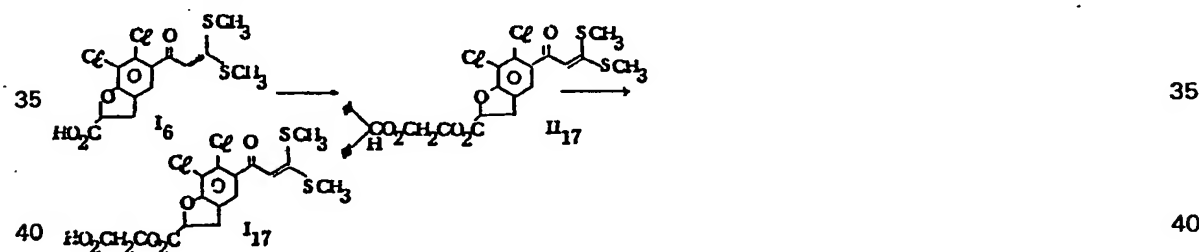
NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) : 2.00(3H,s), 2.88(3H,d), 3.22–3.73(6H,m), 5.17–5.45(1H,m), 6.60(1H,br), 6.97(1H)

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**Example 17**

30 6,7-Dichloro-5-[3,3-bis(methylthio)-2-propenyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid

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To 0.44 g (1.2 mmol) of the compound  $I_6$  (prepared from Example 6) are added 0.263 g (1.3 mmol) of 1,3-dichlorohexylcarbodiimide and 5 ml of dry dioxane, and the mixture is stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The mixture is combined with 0.337 g (1.4 mmol) of diphenylmethyl glycolate and allowed to react for further 72 hours. The reaction product is purified by liquid chromatography on a Lober column (Type B) with a mixture of benzene-ethyl acetate (10/1) to give 0.345 g of the compound  $I_{17}$ , yield 49.3%

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50 NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 2.47 (3H, s), 2.53 (3H, s), 3.25–3.75 (2H, m), 4.83 (2H, s), 5.30–5.57 (1H, m), 6.43 (1H, s), 6.92 (1H, s), 7.22–7.40 (11H, m).

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To 0.34 g (0.6 mmol) of the compound  $I_{17}$ , are added 0.68 ml of anisole and 0.68 ml of trifluoroacetic acid. The mixture is allowed to react at room temperature for 5/6 hours while being stirred. The solvent is removed by evaporation and the residue is treated with n-hexane to give 0.243 g of the compound  $I_{17}$ , yield 98.8%, mp. 170–173°C. This is recrystallized from ether-acetone to give 0.22 g of grayish white crystals, yield 89.4%, mp. 172–174°C.

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Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $C_{15}H_{14}Cl_2O_6S_2$

60 : C 43.94 H 3.23, Cl 16.22, S 14.66,

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Found (%) : C 43.78, H 3.38, Cl 15.98, S 14.37.

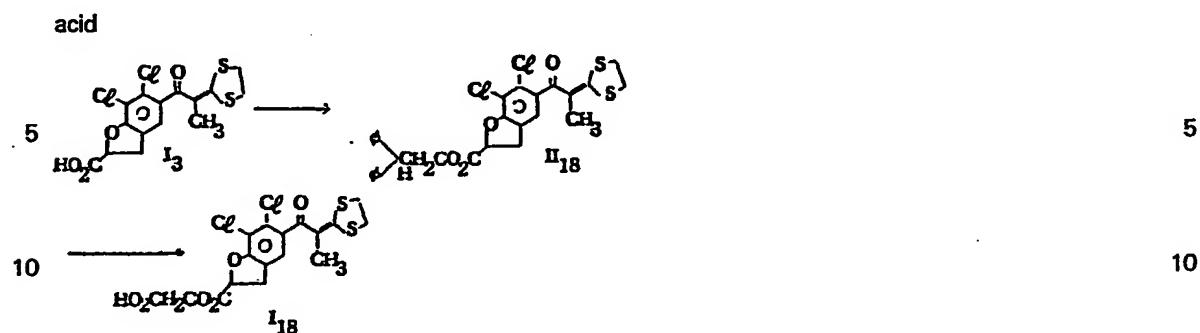
IR  $\nu_{\max}$ (Nujol) : 3090, 1765, 1742, 1615, 1590  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**Example 18**

65 6,7-Dichloro-5-(2-methyl-1,3-dithiolan-2-ylpropionyl)-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid

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To 0.50 g (1.3 mmol) of the compound  $I_3$  (prepared in Example 1) are added 0.277 g (1.3 mmol) of 1,3-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide, 0.60 g (2.5 mmol) of diphenylmethyl glycolate and 5 ml of dioxane, and the mixture is allowed to react and then worked up in the same manner as in Example 17 to give 0.415 g of the compound  $II_{18}$ , yield 52.8%.

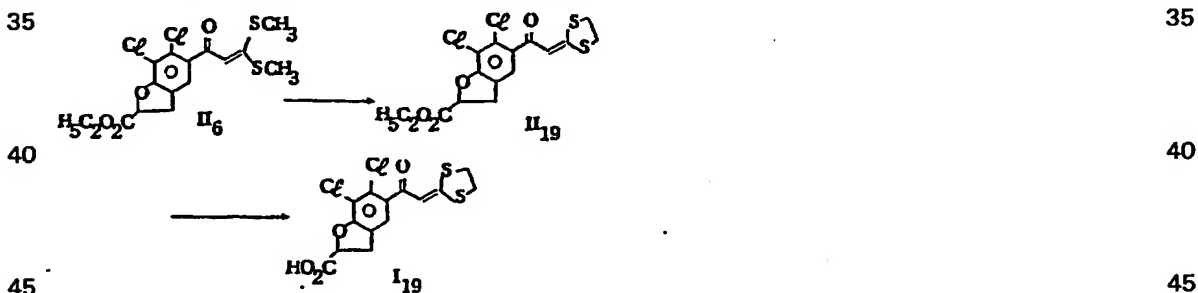
NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $CDCl_3$ ): 1.95 (3H, s), 3.07–3.67 (6H, m), 4.73 (2H, s), 5.18–5.47 (1H, m), [6.83(s), 6.80 (s) 2H], 7.23 (10H).

A mixture of 0.40 g (0.6 mmol) of the compound  $II_{18}$  with 0.8 ml of anisole and 0.8 ml of trifluoroacetic acid is treated in the same manner as in Example 1 to give 0.292g of the compound  $I_{18}$ , yield 100%, mp. 200–203°C, which is recrystallized from ethyl acetate to give 0.260 g of the grayish white crystals, yield 89.0%, mp. 202–204°C.

Anal. Calcd.(%) for  $C_{17}H_{14}Cl_2O_5S_2$   
 : C 45.44 H 3.14, Cl 15.78, S 14.27,  
 Found (%) : C 45.26, H 3.36, Cl 15.59, S 14.09.  
 IR :  $\nu_{max}$ (Nujol) 3040, 2670, 2570, 1768, 1740, 1715, 1612, 1602.

#### Example 19

5,7-Dichloro-5-[2-(1,3-dithiolan-2-ylidene)acetyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid.



The compound  $II_6$  (prepared in Example 6) (0.60 g, 1.5 mmol) is allowed to react with 0.208g (2.2 mmol) of ethanedithiol in 10 ml of toluene for 24 hours on an oil bath (140–145°C) while being stirred. The reaction product is chromatographed on a Lober column (Type B) with a n-hexane/ethyl acetate (7/3) mixture to give 0.288 g of the compound  $II_{19}$  (oil), yield 48.0%.

NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $CDCl_3$ ): 1.30 (3H, t), 3.13–3.77 (6H, m), 4.25 (2H, q), 5.17–5.55 (1H, m), 6.95(1H, s), 7.17–7.40 (1H).

To 0.52 g (1.3 mmol) of the compound  $II_{19}$  are added 2 ml of ethanol, 2 ml of dioxane and 2 ml (2 mmol) of 1 N sodium hydroxide, and the mixture is allowed to react at room temperature for 30 minutes to give 0.487 g of the compound  $I_{19}$ , yield 100%, mp, 215–218°C. This is recrystallized from acetone to give 0.42 g of grayish white crystals, yield 86.8%, mp. 217–218°C.

Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $C_{14}H_{10}Cl_2O_4S_2$

: C 44.57 H 2.67, Cl 18.80, S 17.00,

Found (%) : C 44.38, H 2.62, Cl 19.03, S 16.77.

5 IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (Nujol) : 2720, 2560, 2470, 1743, 1610, 1580  $cm^{-1}$ .

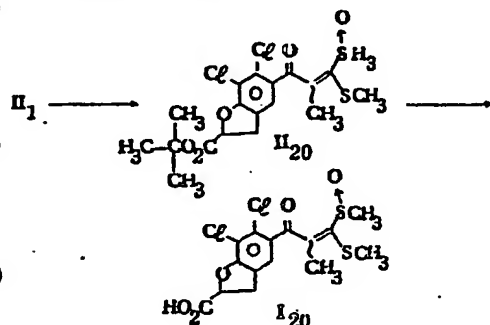
#### Example 20

6,7-Dichloro-5-[2-methyl-3,3-bis(methylthio)propenyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid monosulfoxide

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To a solution of 0.67 g (1.5 mmol) of the compound II<sub>1</sub> (prepared in Example 1) in 11.2 ml of dry dichloromethane is added in small portions 0.26 g (1.5 mmol) of m-chloroperbenzoic acid in a 40 minute period under flowing nitrogen while being stirred at an internal temperature of -7 to -5°C. The resulting mixture is allowed to react at the same temperature for 15 minutes and then at room temperature for 40 minutes. The product is chromatographed on a Lober (Type B) column with a chloroform/benzene/ethyl acetate (3/1/1) mixture to give 0.20 g of the compound II<sub>20</sub> as an oil, yield 28.8%.

NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $CDCl_3$ ): 1.50 (9H, s), 2.20 (3H, s), 2.33 (3H, s), 2.70 (3H, s), 3.10-3.93 (2H, m), 5.13-5.43 (1H, m), 7.60 (1H).

35 In the same manner as in Example 1, 0.20 g (0.4 mmol) of the compound II<sub>20</sub> is treated with trifluoroacetic acid and the ether-soluble matter is recrystallized from ethyl acetate to give 0.55 g of grayish white crystals, yield 31.1%, mp. 197-199°C (dec.).

Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $C_{15}H_{14}Cl_2O_5S_2$

40 : C 44.01 H 3.45, Cl 17.33, S 15.67,

Found (%) : C 44.02, H 3.54, Cl 17.35, S 15.76.

IR :  $\nu_{\max}$ (Nujol) 2600, 2470, 1720, 1670, 1605.

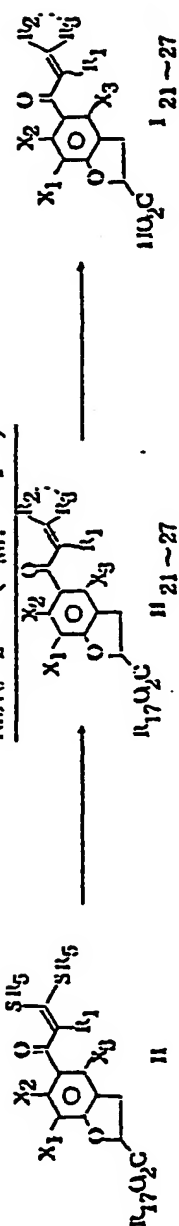
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#### Examples 21-27

45 Compound I<sub>21-27</sub> and their intermediates II<sub>21-27</sub> are prepared in the same manner as in Example 19 or 20, whose physical constants and reaction conditions are shown in the following Table 2 (Nos. 1 and 2).

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Table 2 (No. 1)



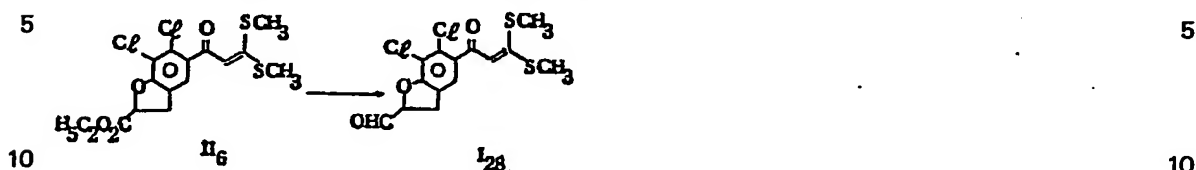
Exempl.	Amount (mmol)				Temp.	Time	Yield (%)	NMR
	R <sub>17</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>				
21	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	140~145°	24	42.9	1.50 (d, s) 1.83 (3H, s) 3.10~3.90 (4H, m) 4.53 (2H, t) 5.05~5.40 (m, 1H) 6.88~7.00 (1H)
22	"	"	"	"	"	28	10.8	1.47 (d, s) 1.62 (3H, s) 3.07~3.63 (2H, m) 3.85 (2H, t) 4.55 (2H, t) 5.05~5.35 (1H, m) 6.85~6.98 (1H) 10.4~9.00 (1H)
23	"	"	"	"	"	20	35.2	1.45 (12H, s) 3.03~3.97 (6H, m) 5.20~5.65 (1H, m) 6.98 (1H) 7.10 (br, 1H) 9.70 (br, 1H) DMSO
24	CH <sub>3</sub>	"	"	"	-50°	7	8.3	1.83 (3H, s) 2.13 (4H, s) 3.17~3.76 (6H, m) 3.83 (3H, s) 5.18~5.55 (1H, m) 6.80~6.92 (1H)
25	"	"	"	"	140~145°	12	72.9	[1.82, 2.30, 3.05, 3.11] [2.22, 2.28, 2.29, 3.08~3.73 (2H, m) [3.77, 3.80 (3H)] 5.12~5.52 (1H, m) 7.07~7.47 (6H, m)
26	CH <sub>3</sub>	"	"	"	140~145°	20	15.4	2.02 (3H, s) 2.40 (3H, s) 3.23~3.73 (2H, m) 3.82 (3H, s) 5.22~5.40 (1H, m) 6.82~7.58 (4H)
27	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	"	"	"	25°	3.5	69.9	[1.07 (1.12, 1.20, 3.11)] 2.35 (3H, s) 3.13~3.17 (2H, m) 4.00 (q, 2H) 4.27 (q, 2H) 1.32 (3H) 5.13~5.48 (1H, m) 5.73 (1H, s) 6.87~7.00 (1H)

Table 2 (No. 2)

Sample No.	Amount g (mmol)		Time	Solvent	m.p.	Yield %	Molecular formula	Elementary Analysis (%)				IR
	II	CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H (A)						C	H	Cl	N	S
21	0.64 (1.5)	A	25	0.5	253 ~ 255 (d)	80.3	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>12</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S	48.01 47.99	3.22 3.44	18.90 18.84	8.55 8.40	2685, 2560, 2480, 1740, 1610, 1570.
22	0.42 (1.0)	A	1	—	241 ~ 242 (d)	55.9	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NCl <sub>3</sub>	50.29 49.99	3.66 3.76	19.80 20.07	9.91 9.88	3295, 2480, 1730, 1620, 1610
23	0.58 (1.4)	A	2/3	acetone	273 ~ 276 (d)	73.9	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>14</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	50.44 50.49	3.95 4.03	19.85 19.78	7.84 7.59	3465, 3330, 2460, 1730, 1600
24	0.15 (0.4)	B	1	ether/ hexane	105 ~ 107	34.5	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>14</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S	47.75 47.79	3.74 4.04	18.80 18.71	8.50 8.30	2720 ~ 2370, 1682 (sh), 1720, 1710, 1608
25	0.42 (0.9)	B	1	isopropyl ether	76 ~ 78	29.5	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>16</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	52.75 52.91	3.54 3.70	15.57 15.31	14.08 14.00	2690, 2590, 1743, 1714, 1655, 1605
26	0.15 (0.3)	B	3	acetone	215 ~ 217 (d)	66.0	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>14</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub> C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>14</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	51.95 52.25	3.10 3.21	15.34 15.29	13.87 13.65	3300, 2720, 2620, 2540, 1708, 1747, 1605, 1594
27	0.395 (1.0)	B	1	ether/ acetone	135 ~ 136	67.9	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>14</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S	47.75 47.55	3.74 3.75	18.80 18.98	8.50 8.29	3230, 1702, 1693, 1610

**Example 28**

6,7-Dichloro-5-[3,3-bis(methylthio)-2-propenoyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-carboxaldehyde



To a cooled solution ( $-78^\circ\text{C}$ ) of 0.55 g of the compound  $\text{II}_6$  (prepared in Example 6) in 6 ml of dry tetrahydrofuran (THF) is added 0.39 ml of a solution of 70% sodium bis(2-methoxyethoxy)aluminum hydride in toluene in 10 minutes while being stirred under nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture is allowed to react for 30 minutes. The reaction mixture is combined with 10% hydrochloric acid and extracted with benzene (3 times). The benzene layer is washed with water, dried over dry magnesium sulfate and evaporated to give a residue, which is chromatographed on a Lober column (Type B) with chloroform/benzene/ethyl acetate (3/1/1) to give 0.40 g of the compound  $\text{I}_{28}$ , yield 81.6%, mp.  $160-163^\circ\text{C}$ .

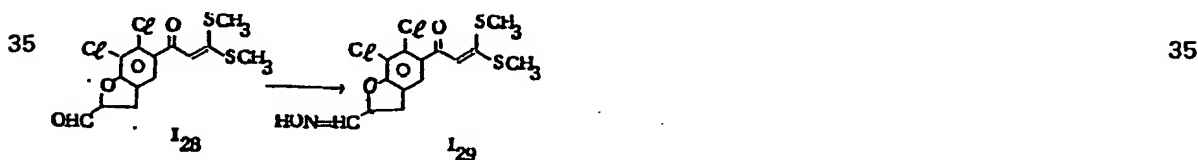
This is recrystallized from acetone to give 0.350 g of grayish white crystals, yield 71.4%, mp.  $163-165^\circ\text{C}$ .

Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}_2$ 

	: C 46.28 H 3.33, Cl 19.52, S 17.65,	
25 Found (%)	: C 46.05, H 3.54, Cl 19.59, S 17.49.	25
IR $\nu_{\text{max}}$ (Nujol)	: 2710, 1733, 1625, 1603 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .	
NMR $\delta$ ppm (DMSO $d_6$ )	: 2.50 (s), 2.55 (s), 5.43–5.73 (1H, m), 3.37–3.68 (2H, m), 6.43 (1H, s), 7.42 (1H), 9.70 (1H, s).	

**Example 29**

6,7-Dichloro-5-[3,3-bis(methylthio)-2-propenoyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-carboxaldoxime



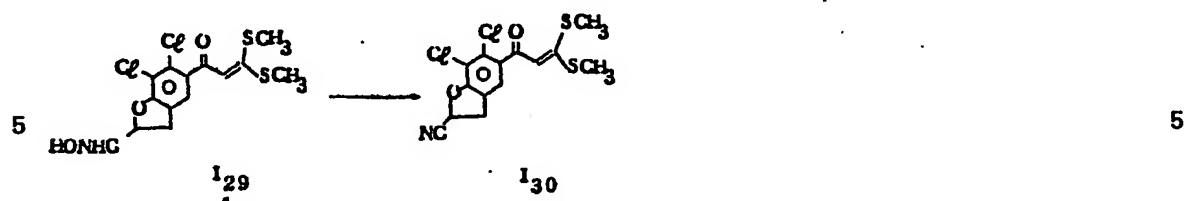
A mixture of 0.18 g (0.5 mmol) of the compound  $\text{I}_{28}$  (prepared in Example 28), 0.118 g (1.5 mmol) of pyridine, 0.069 g (1 mmol) of hydroxylamine hydrochloride ( $\text{NH}_2\text{OH}\cdot\text{HCl}$ ), 2 ml of methanol and 4 ml of water is allowed to react at room temperature for 1.5 hours under stirring. The precipitated crystals are collected by filtration to give 0.170 g of the product  $\text{I}_{29}$ , yield 90.9%, mp.  $185-186^\circ\text{C}$ . This is recrystallized from acetone to give 0.130 g of grayish white crystals, yield 69.5%, mp.  $188-189^\circ\text{C}$ .

Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2$ 

	: C 44.45 H 3.46, Cl 18.75, N 3.70, S 16.95,	
50 Found (%)	: C 44.25, H 3.60, Cl 18.60, N 3.60, S 16.84.	50
IR $\nu_{\text{max}}$ (Nujol)	: 3360, 1615, 1606 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .	
NMR $\delta$ ppm (DMSO $d_6$ )	: 2.50 (s), 2.60 (s) (shaded by DMSO signal, 3.10–3.73 (2H, m), 5.37–5.77 (1H, m), 6.42 (1H, s), 7.40 (1H), 7.57 (1H, d), 11.35 (1H, s).	

**Example 30**

6,7-Dichloro-5-[3,3-bis(methylthio)-2-propenoyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-carboxynitrile



10 To a solution of 0.34 g (0.9 mmol) of the compound  $I_{29}$  (prepared in Example 29) and 0.08 g (1.0 mmol) of pyridine in a mixture of 5 ml of ether and 5 ml of tetrahydrofuran is added 0.158 g (0.9 mmol) of phenylchlorosulfate (Ph-O-SOCl) [*cf.* E. Bissinger JACS 70 2664 (1948)] at 0°C under stirring. The mixture is allowed to react in accordance with the method as disclosed in J. G. Krause et. al. Synthesis 502 (1975). The reaction mixture is purified by liquid chromatography on a Lober column (Type B) chloroform/benzene/ethyl acetate (3/1/1) to give 0.130 g of the compound  $I_{30}$ , yield 40.2%, mp. 205–209°C. This is recrystallized from acetone to give 0.100 g of grayish white crystals, yield 31.0%, mp. 209–210°C.

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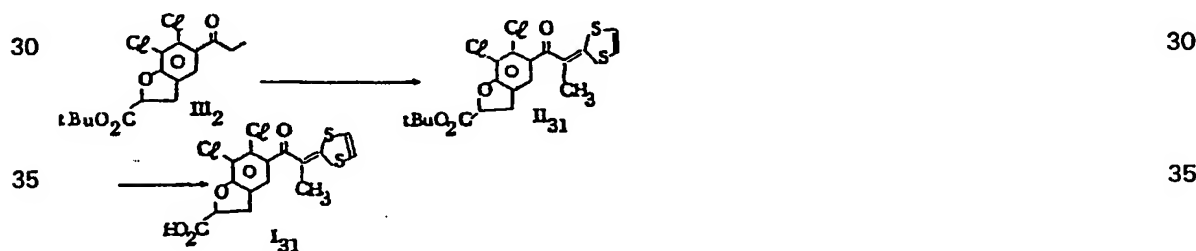
Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $C_{14}H_{11}Cl_2NO_2S_2$

20 : C 46.67 H 3.08, Cl 19.68, N 3.89, S 17.80,  
 Found (%) : C 46.61, H 3.15, Cl 19.62, N 4.02, S 17.96.  
 IR  $\nu_{max}$  (Nujol) : 1622, 1605  $cm^{-1}$ .  
 NMR  $\delta$ ppm (DMSO  $d_6$ ) : 2.50(s), 2.58 (s) (shaded by DMSO signal), 3.57–3.90 (2H, m), 6.05 (1H, s), 6.42 (1H, m), 7.48 (1H).

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#### Example 31

6,7-Dichloro-5-[2-(1,3-dithiol-2-ylidene)propynoyl]-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid.



40 To a suspension of 0.255 g (6.2 mmol) of 65.6% sodium hydride in 5 ml of dry acetonitrile is added a solution of 1.50 g (4.3 mmol) of the compound  $III_2$  in 5 ml of acetonitrile under nitrogen flow while being stirred at room temperature. Subsequently, 1 ml of N,N-dimethylacetamide is added to the mixture and the resulting mixture is allowed to react for 1.5 hours and then 1.44 g (5.2 mmol) of 2-methylthio-1,3-dithioliodide [L. Russell Melky et. al. JOC 39, 2456 (1974)] is added to the reaction mixture and this mixture is allowed to react for 6 hours. The reaction product is purified by liquid chromatography on a Lober column (Type B) with a mixture of n-hexane/ethyl acetate (7/3) to give 0.4 g of a crude product, yield 20.6%. This is treated with ether to give 0.284 g of the compound  $III_{31}$ , yield 14.7%, 175–177°C.

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50 NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $CDCl_3$ ): 1.50(9H, s), 3.07–3.73 (2H, m), 5.08–5.37 (1H, m), 6.87–7.13 (3H, m).

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To 0.41 g (0.9 mmol) of the compound  $III_{31}$  is added 4.1 ml of trifluoroacetic acid and the mixture is allowed to react at room temperature for an hour under stirring.

The solvent is evaporated and the residue is treated with n-hexane to give 0.36 g of the compound  $I_{31}$ , yield 100%, mp. 266–270°C (dec.).

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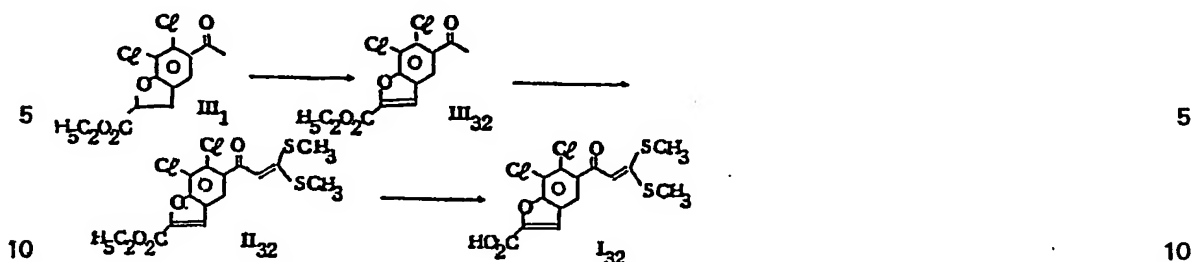
Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $C_{13}H_{10}Cl_2O_4S_2$

60 : C 46.28 H 2.59, Cl 18.22, S 16.47,  
 Found (%) : C 46.19, H 2.78, Cl 18.24, S 16.35.  
 IR :  $\nu_{max}$  (Nujol) 2650, 2560, 1712 (sh 1750), 1608, 1583.

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#### Example 32

6,7-Dichloro-5-[3,3-bis(methylthio)-2-propenoyl]-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid.



A mixture of 1.50 g (5.0 mmol) of ethyl 5-aceyl-6,7-dichloro-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylate III<sub>1</sub> (William. Hoffman. et. al., J. Med. Chem. 24 865 (1981)), 0.025 g (0.1 mmol) of benzoperoxide, 0.9 g (5.1 mmol) of N-bromosuccinimide and 50 ml of carbon tetrachloride is allowed to react according to the method disclosed in the above-mentioned literature.

The reaction product is treated in 0.6 ml (5.2 ml) of 1,5-diazabicyclo[4.3.0]non-5-ene and 12.5 ml of dimethyl sulfoxide, mentioned in the same literature, to give 1.20 g of the compound III<sub>32</sub>, yield 80.5%, mp. 120–122°C.

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.45(3H, t), 2.67 (3H, s), 4.47(2H, q), 7.53 (1H, s), 7.73 (1H, s).

From 1.20 g (4.0 mmol) of the compound III<sub>32</sub> is prepared 0.66 g of the compound II<sub>32</sub>, with treating in the same manner mentioned in Example 1, yield 40.9%, mp. 184–185°C.

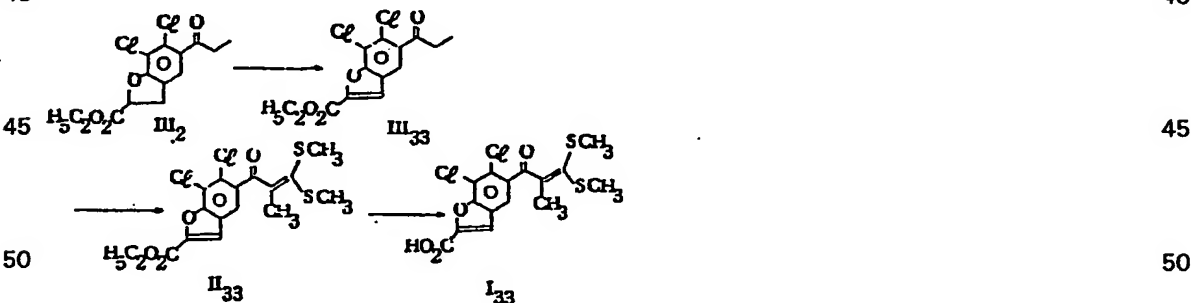
NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.42(3H, t), 2.50 (3H, s), 2.57 (3H, s), 4.45 (2H, q), 6.40 (1H, s), 7.50 (1H, s), 7.68 (1H, s).

According to Example 1, 0.30 g of (0.7 mmol) of the compound II<sub>32</sub> is hydrolyzed with alkali to give 0.279 g of the product I<sub>32</sub>, mp. 266–271°C (dec.). This is recrystallized from acetone to give 0.258 g of grayish white crystals, yield 92.4 %, mp. 268–271°C.

Anal. Calcd. (%) for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>  
 : C 44.57, H 2.67, Cl 18.80, S 17.00,  
 Found (%) : C 44.40, H 2.83, Cl 18.83, S 16.70.  
 IR  $\nu$ max (Nujol) : 2700, 2600, 2520, 1700, 1627, 1608 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### Example 33

6,7-Dichloro-5-[2-methyl-3,3-bis(methylthio)propenoyl]-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid



In the same manner as in Example 32 is treated 3.0 g (9.5 mmol) of the compound III<sub>2</sub> to give 2.24 g of the compound III<sub>33</sub>, yield 75.6%, mp. 107–108°C.

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.23 (3H, t), 1.43 (3H, t), 2.90 (2H, q), 4.45 (2H, q), 7.53 (1H, s), 7.63 (1H, s).

In the same manner as in Example 1 is treated 1.70 g (5.4 mmol) of the compound III<sub>33</sub> to give 0.50 g of the compound II<sub>33</sub>, yield 22.1%

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.43 (3H, t), 1.88 (3H, s), 2.30 (3H, s), 2.37 (3H, s), 4.45 (2H, q), 7.52 (1H, s), 7.72 (1H, s).

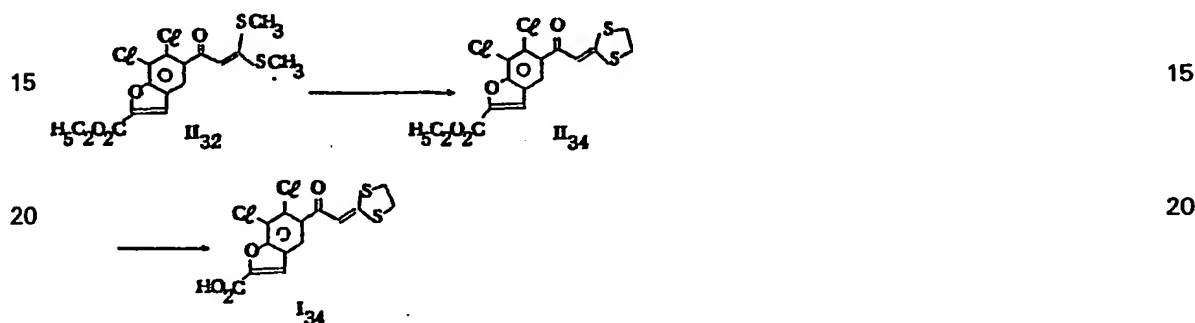
In the same manner as in Example 1 is hydrolyzed 0.095 g (0.2 mmol) of the compound II<sub>33</sub>

to give 0.084 g of the compound  $I_{33}$ , yield 95.5%, mp. 216–218°C (dec.).

This is recrystallized from ethyl acetate to give 0.074 g of grayish white crystals, yield 84.1%, mp. 218–219°C.

5 Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $C_{15}H_{12}Cl_2O_4S_2$  5  
 : C 46.04 H 3.09, Cl 18.12, S 16.39,  
 Found (%) : C 45.98, H 3.28, Cl 18.19, S 16.18.  
 IR :  $\nu_{\max}$  (Nujol) 2710, 2600, 2500, 1714, 1692, 1625, 1604.

10 **Example 34** 10  
 6,7-Dichloro-5-[2-(1,3-dithiolan-2-yliden)acetyl]-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid



In the same manner as in Example 19 is treated 0.350 g (0.9 mmol) of the compound  $II_{32}$  (prepared in Example 32) to give 0.120 g of the compound  $II_{34}$ , yield 34.5% mp, 235–237°C.

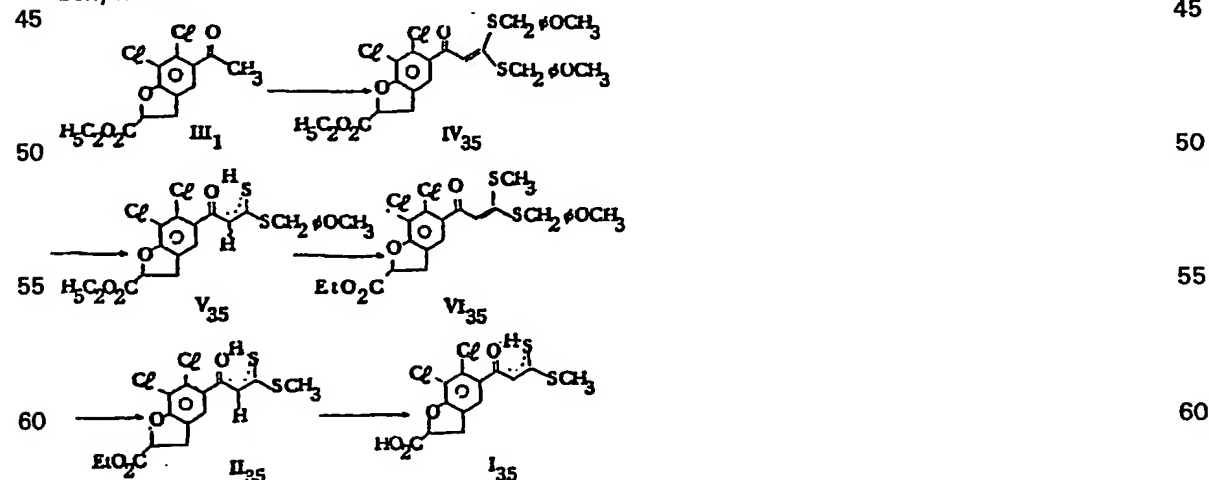
NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $CDCl_3$ ): 1.45(3H, t), 3.52 (4H, br), 4.50 (2H, q), 6.93 (1H, s), 7.58 (1H, s), 7.72 (1H, s). 30

In the same manner as mentioned in Example 32 is hydrolyzed 0.120 g (0.3 mmol) of the compound  $II_{34}$  to give 0.112 g of the compound  $I_{34}$ , yield 100% mp. 300–305°C (dec.). This is recrystallized from methyl ethyl ketone to give 0.105 g of grayish white crystals, yield 93.8%, mp. 305–309°C (dec.). 35

Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $C_{14}H_8Cl_2O_4S_2$   
 : C 44.81 H 2.15, Cl 18.90, S 17.09,  
 Found (%) : C 44.91, H 2.40, Cl 18.91, S 16.89.  
 40 IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (Nujol) : 2570, 1714, 1611, 1580  $cm^{-1}$ . 40

**Example 35**

6,7-Dichloro-5-[2-methyl-3-mercapto-3-(methylthio)propanoyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid



The compound  $III_1$  (7.0 g, 23.1 mmol) is allowed to react with 2.10 g (56.9 mmol) of 65% sodium hydride, 14 g (69.6 mmol) of 4-methoxybenzylbromide, 5.3 (69.6 mmol) of carbon 65



disulfide, 90 ml of dry ether, 4.7 ml of N,N-dimethylacetoamide and a catalytic amount of potassium iodide in the same manner as mentioned in Example 1 to give 8.1 g of the compound IV<sub>35</sub>, yield 56.6%.

- 5 NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.28(3H, t×2), 3.08–3.83 (8H, m), 4.03–4.43 (6H, m), 5.12–5.40 (1H, m), 6.50 (1H, s), 6.63–7.37 (1H). 5

To 5.50 g (8.9 mmol) of the compound IV<sub>35</sub> are added 11 ml of anisole and 11 ml of trifluoroacetic acid, and the mixture is allowed to react under stirring at room temperature for 10 2 hours. The solvent is evaporated and the resulting residue is chromatographed on a 40 g silical-gel column with a mixture of n-hexane/benzene (7/3), with n-hexane/benzene (7/3) (F-1, 400 ml), n-hexane/benzene (1/1) (F-2, 200 ml), n-hexane/benzene (2/3) (F-3, 200 ml) and benzene (F-4, 500 ml) as eluates in order. From the last fraction, 3.93 g of the compound V<sub>35</sub> is recovered, yield 88.8%. 10

- 15 NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.30(3H, t), 3.17–3.70 (2H, m), 4.08–4.43 (4H, m), 5.18–5.47 (1H, m), 6.57 (1H, s), 6.70–7.43 (5H), 14.94 (1H, s). 15

To a suspension of 1.9 g (3.8 mmol) of the compound V<sub>35</sub> and 0.79 g (5.7 mmol) of 20 powdery potassium carbonate in 10 ml of N,N-dimethylformamide, under nitrogen flow while being stirred at room temperature is added 1.08 g (7.6 mmol) of methyl iodide, the mixture is allowed to react for 2 hours. Insoluble material is filtered off and benzene is added to the filtrate. The benzene solution is washed with water (4 times), dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and evaporated to give a residue which is treated by high performance liquid chromatography on a Lober column (Type B) with a benzene/ethyl acetate (10/1) mixture to give 1.80 g 25 of the compound VI<sub>35</sub>, yield 92.0%.

- 30 NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.30(3H, t), 2.50 (3H, s), 3.10–3.70 (2H, m), 3.78 (3H, s), 4.07–4.47 (4H, m), 5.17–5.45 (1H, m), 6.43, 6.57 (1H, s×2), 6.73–7.40 (5H). 30

To 1.81 g (3.5 mmol) of the compound VI<sub>35</sub> are added 3.6 ml of anisole and 3.6 ml of trifluoroacetic acid, and the mixture is allowed to react at room temperature for 2 hours under stirring. Toluene is added to the reaction mixture and then the resulting mixture is evaporated to give a residue. The residue is chromatographed on a column of 18 g of silica-gel with n-hexane/benzene (7/3) mixture, with n-hexane/benzene (7/3) (F-1, 600ml), n-hexane/benzene 35 (1/1) (F-2, 200ml), and n-hexane/benzene (2/3) (F-3, 400ml) as eluents in order. From the last fraction i.e. F-3, 1.30 g of the compound II<sub>35</sub> is recovered, yield 93.8%.

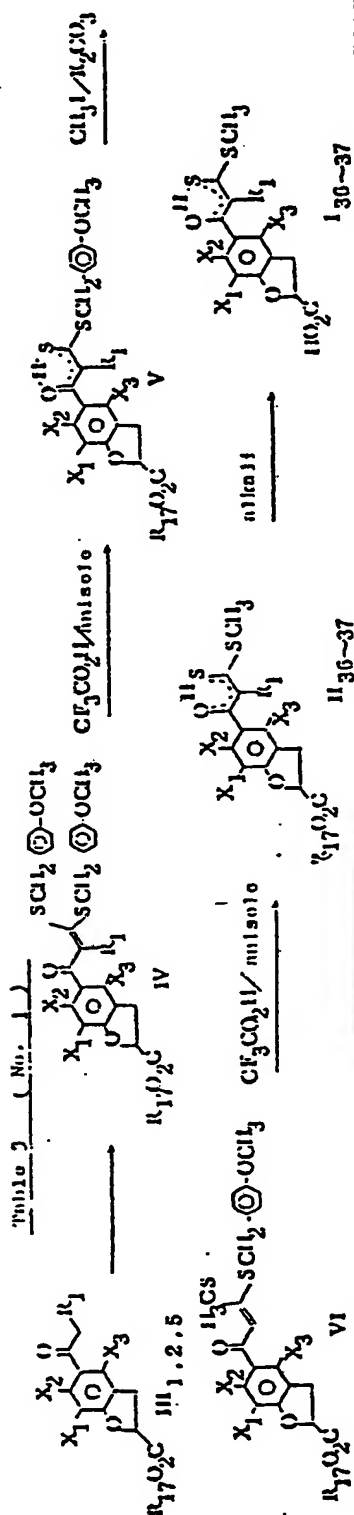
- 40 IR  $\nu$ max (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 1755, 1730, 1608, 1585 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  
NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.30(3H, t), 2.62 (3H, s), 3.12–3.95 (2H, m), 4.25 (2H, q), 5.22–5.65 (1H, m), 6.60 (1H, s), 7.28 (1H), 14.95 (1H,s). 40

To 0.24 g (0.6 mmol) of the compound II<sub>35</sub> are added 3 ml of ethanol and 1.2 ml of 1N potassium hydroxide, the mixture is allowed to react at room temperature for an hour. The 45 solution is evaporated to give a residue to which is added 10% hydrochloric acid to adjust to pH 3. The precipitated crystalline solid is collected by filtration, washed with water, and dried to give 0.213 g of the compound I<sub>35</sub>, yield 95.5%, mp. 182–185°C (dec.). This is recrystallized from ethanol to give 0.113 g of yellow crystals, yield 50.5%, mp. 185–186°C (dec.).

- 50 IR  $\nu$ max (Nujol): 3040, 2750, 2660, 2540, 1723 (sh 1708), 1608, 1584 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
Anal. Calcd. (%) for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>  
: C 42.75 H 2.76, Cl 19.41, S 17.56,  
Found (%) : C 42.84, H 2.88, Cl 19.37, S 17.40. 50

#### 55 Examples 36 and 37 55

The compounds I<sub>35</sub>, I<sub>37</sub> and their intermediates are prepared in the same manner as in Example 35, whose physical constants and reaction conditions are shown in the following Table 3 (Nos. 1 to 5).



Exempl. Nos.	(III)	(IV)	(V)	(VI)
R <sub>1</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>
R <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>
X <sub>1</sub>	H	H	H	H
X <sub>2</sub>	H	H	H	H
X <sub>3</sub>	H	H	H	H
Amount used (mmol)	4.0	1.11	2.87	7.50
Reagent	NaH	CS <sub>2</sub>	CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H	CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H
Solvent	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>
Temp	25	25	25	25
Time	90	90	90	90
Yield (%)	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4
NMR δ (ppm)	1.32 (3H, s), 2.07 (3H, s), 3.27-3.60 (2H, m), 3.77 (1H, s), 4.00 (2H, s), 4.25 (2H, s), 5.17-6.45 (1H, m), 6.57-7.37 (1H, m)	1.32 (3H, s), 2.07 (3H, s), 3.27-3.60 (2H, m), 3.77 (1H, s), 4.00 (2H, s), 4.25 (2H, s), 5.17-6.45 (1H, m), 6.57-7.37 (1H, m)	1.32 (3H, s), 2.07 (3H, s), 3.27-3.60 (2H, m), 3.77 (1H, s), 4.00 (2H, s), 4.25 (2H, s), 5.17-6.45 (1H, m), 6.57-7.37 (1H, m)	1.32 (3H, s), 2.07 (3H, s), 3.27-3.60 (2H, m), 3.77 (1H, s), 4.00 (2H, s), 4.25 (2H, s), 5.17-6.45 (1H, m), 6.57-7.37 (1H, m)

Table 2 (No. 2)

Exempl. Nos.	(IV)	(V)	(VI)	(VII)
Amount used (mmol)	0.55	1.1	1.1	1.1
Reagent	CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H	CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H	CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H	CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H
Solvent	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>
Temp	25	25	25	25
Time	2	2	2	2
Yield (%)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
NMR δ (ppm)	1.30 (3H, s), 1.62 (d), 1.93 (s), 3.1 6.57-7.43 (1H, m), 3.17-4.70 (2H, m), 3.78 (3H, s), 4.07-4.17 (2H, m), 4.90-6.53 (1H, m)	1.30 (3H, s), 1.62 (d), 1.93 (s), 3.1 6.57-7.43 (1H, m), 3.17-4.70 (2H, m), 3.78 (3H, s), 4.07-4.17 (2H, m), 4.90-6.53 (1H, m)	1.30 (3H, s), 1.62 (d), 1.93 (s), 3.1 6.57-7.43 (1H, m), 3.17-4.70 (2H, m), 3.78 (3H, s), 4.07-4.17 (2H, m), 4.90-6.53 (1H, m)	1.30 (3H, s), 1.62 (d), 1.93 (s), 3.1 6.57-7.43 (1H, m), 3.17-4.70 (2H, m), 3.78 (3H, s), 4.07-4.17 (2H, m), 4.90-6.53 (1H, m)

Table 2 (No. 3)

Exemplar Nos.	Amount used (V)	$\varphi$ (mmol)	$K_2CO_3$	$CH_3J$	Solvent	Temp.	Time	Yield (%)	NMR $\delta$ (ppm) $CHCl_3$ (VI)
36	0.2 (0.6)	0.162 (1.2)	0.247 (1.7)		DMSO	25°	6	0.4.0	
37	1.80 (9.8)	1.06 (7.7)	1.09 (7.7)		MeCN	25°	1	0.4.2	2.47 (3H, s) 3.07~3.83 (8H, m) 4.10 (1H, s) 4.22 (1H, s) 5.17~5.45 (1H, m) 6.40 (s) 6.53 (s) (1H) 6.70~7.40 (5H, m)

Table 2 (No. 4)

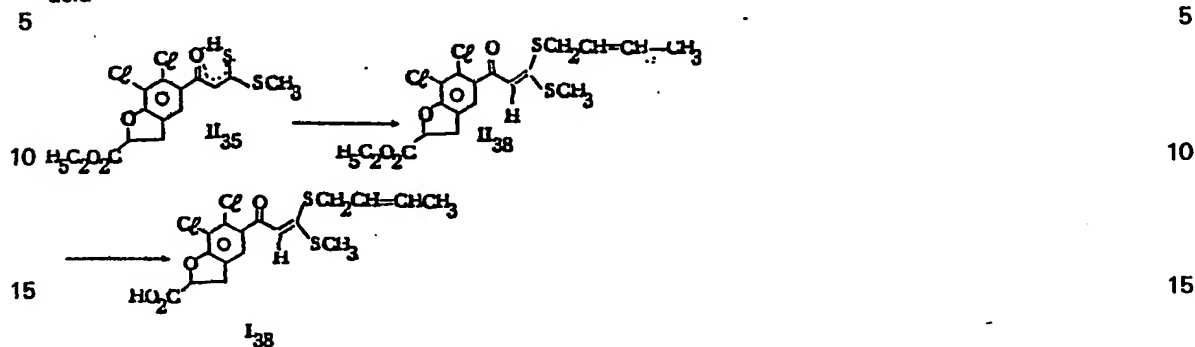
Exemplar Nos.	Amount used (VI)	$\varphi$ (mmol)	$CF_3CO_2H$	anisole	Temp.	Time	Yield (%)	NMR $\delta$ (ppm) $CHCl_3$ (II)
36	0.18 (0.3)	0.36 (0.3)			26°	2	71.9	1.32 (t, 3H) [1.02 (d) 1.98 (s) .3H] [2.58 (s) 2.65 (s) .3H] 3.13~3.90 (2H, m) 4.20 (2H, q) 5.05~5.53 (1H, m) 6.83 (1H) 7.02~7.23 (1H, m)
37	1.75 (3.5)	3.5 (3.5)			26°	2	90.2	2.05 (3H, s) 3.13~3.77 (2H, m) 3.82 (3H, s) 5.23~5.52 (1H, m) 6.62 (1H, s) 7.30 (1H) 14.95 (1H, s)

Table 3 (No. 5)

Exemplar Nos.	Amount used (II)	$\varphi$ (mmol)	KOH	Solvent	Temp.	Time	Yield (%)	mp (°C)	Found C H O (%)	Calcd C H O (%)	IR: $\nu_{max}$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
36	0.1 (0.2)	0.041 (0.7)		chloroform	25°	1	53.8	176~177	44.33 44.26 13.19 13.24 10.70 10.59 10.91 10.03		3100 (br), 2040, 2540, 1710, 1610, 1505

**Example 38**

6,7-Dichloro-5-[3-(chlorothio)-3-(methylthio)-2-propenoyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-3-carboxylic acid



To 0.56 g (1.4 mmol) of ethyl 6,7-chloro-5-[3-(mercapto)-3-(methylthio)-2-propenoyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylate (prepared in Example 35) are added 0.387 g (2.8 mmol) of dry potassium carbonate, 0.250 g (1.9 mmol) of crotyl bromide and 5 ml of N,N-dimethylformamide, and the mixture is allowed to react at room temperature for an hour while being stirred. Insoluble material is filtered off and benzene is added to the filtrate. The filtrate is washed with water, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and evaporated. The residue is purified by high performance liquid chromatography on a Lober column (Type B) with a benzene/ethyl acetate (10/1) mixture to give 0.578 g of the oily compound  $\text{II}_{38}$ , yield 90.7%.

NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 1.32(3H, t), 1.72 (3H, d), 2.50 (3H, s), 3.10–3.90 (4H, m), 4.43 (2H, q), 5.20–6.03 (3H, m), 6.55 (1H, s), 7.27 (1H).

To 0.185 g (0.4 mmol) of the compound  $\text{II}_{38}$  are added 0.82 ml (0.8 mmol) of 1N potassium hydroxide and 2 ml of ethanol. The mixture is allowed to react at room temperature for an hour. The solvent is evaporated to give a residue, to which ether is added. The mixture is adjusted to pH 3 with 10% hydrochloric acid while being stirred under ice-cooling. The ether layer is separated, washed with water, dried over dry magnesium sulfate and then evaporated to give 0.14 g of the objective product  $\text{I}_{38}$ , yield 80.9%, mp. 166–169°C. This is recrystallized from ethyl acetate to give 0.10 g of grayish white crystals  $\text{I}_{38}$ , yield 57.8 %, mp. 175–176°C.

Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$

: C 48.69 H 3.85, Cl 16.91, S 15.29,

Found (%) : C 48.52, H 3.85, Cl 16.98, S 15.12.

IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (Nujol) : 2700, 2580, 2480, 1746, 1608  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

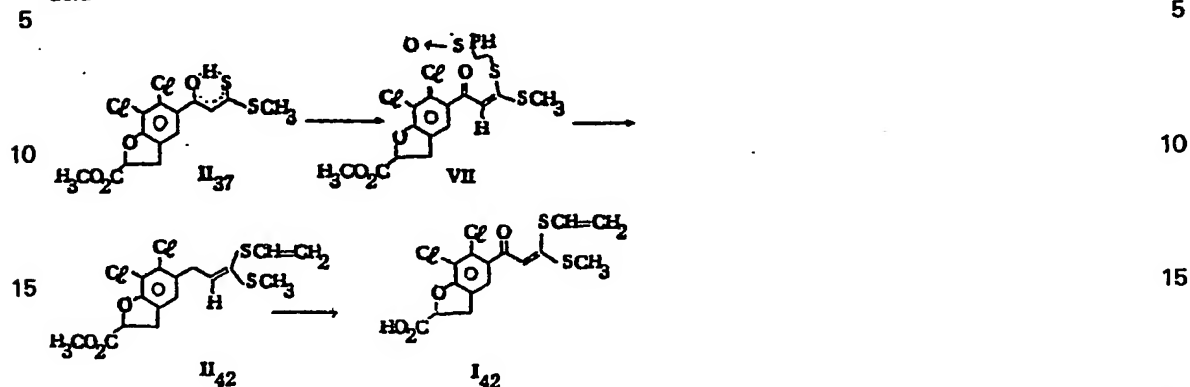
**Examples 39–41**

The compounds are prepared in the same manner as in Example 38, whose physical constants and reaction conditions are shown in Table 4 (Nos. 1 and 2).



**Example 42**

6,7-Dichloro-5-[3-(methylthio)-3-(vinylthio)-2-propenoyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid



To 0.30 g (0.8 mmol) of the compound II<sub>37</sub> (prepared in Example 37) are added 0.221 g (1.6 mmol) of powdery potassium carbonate and 3 ml of acetonitrile while being stirred at room temperature, and 0.276 g (1.2 mmol) of 2-bromoethyl phenyl sulfide is added thereto. The mixture is allowed to react for 16 hours and then treated in the same manner as in Example 38 to give 0.4 g of the compound VII, yield 95.2%.

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.47(3H, s), 3.13–3.68 (6H, m), 3.80 (3H, s), 5.17–5.55 (1H, m), 6.32, 6.43 (1H, s-s), 7.18–7.72 (6H, m).

To 0.4 g (0.8mmol) of the compound VII is added 8 ml of toluene and the mixture is allowed to react on an oil bath (135–140°C) for 16 hours while being stirred. The reaction product is treated by high performance liquid chromatography on a Lober column (Type A) with dichloromethane to give 0.213 g of the compound II<sub>42</sub>, yield 69.8%. mp. 101–102°C.

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.47, 2.52 (3H, s-s), 5.20–5.93 (3H, m), 6.33–7.13 (2H, m), 7.30 (1H).

The above product is hydrolyzed with an alkali in the same manner as in Example 1 without purification to give 0.170 g of the compound I<sub>42</sub>, yield 88.1%, mp. 160–168°C, which is recrystallized from ethyl acetate to give 0.133 g of grayish white crystals, yield 68.9%, mp. 170–172°C.

Anal. Calcd. (%) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>:

: C 46.04 H 3.09, Cl 18.12, S 16.39,

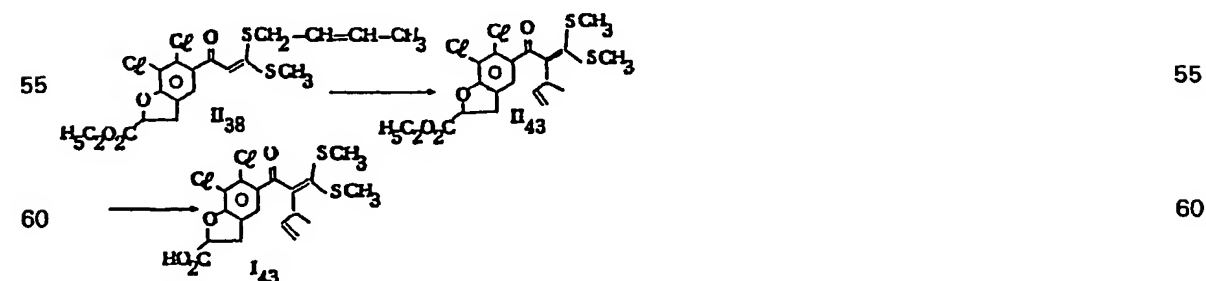
Found (%) : C 45.83, H 3.13, Cl 18.05, S 16.29.

IR  $\nu$ max (Nujol) : 2940, 2560, 1704, (3h, 745), 1632, 1605cm<sup>-1</sup>.

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (ME<sub>2</sub>CO d=6) : 2.58(3H, s), 3.23–4.10(2H,m), 5.30–6.30(4H,m), 6.57–7.23(2H,m), 7.35(1H).

**Example 43**

6,7-Dichloro-5-[2-(1-methylallyl)-3,3-bis(methylthio)propenoyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid



Under a reduced pressure (4/100–8/100 mmHg), 0.32 g (0.7 mmol) of the compound II<sub>38</sub> is heated on an oil bath (200°C) for 5 minutes. The reaction product is chromatographed on a

Lobar column (Type A) with dichloromethane to give 0.173 g [containing 0.056 g (17.5%) of  $II_{38}$  remaining unchanged] of an oily material, to which 0.10 g (0.7 mmol) of powdery potassium carbonate, 0.085 g (1.4 mmol) of iodomethane and 2 ml of N,N-dimethylacetamide are added. The resulting mixture is allowed to react at room temperature for 14 hours while being stirred.

- 5 The reaction product is chromatographed on a Lobar column (Type A) with dichloromethane as an eluent to give 0.115 g of the compound  $II_{43}$  as an oil, yield 43.7%. 5

NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $CDCl_3$ ): 1.18–1.43 (6H, m), 2.00 (3H, s), 2.35 (3H, s), 3.15–3.72 (3H, m), 4.27 (2H, q), 4.87–6.23 (4H, m), 7.38 (1H).

- 10 To 0.115 g (0.2 mmol) of the compound  $II_{43}$  are added 0.5 ml of 1N potassium hydroxide and 1 ml of ethanol, and the mixture is hydrolyzed to give 0.10 g of the objective product  $I_{43}$ , yield 91.7%, mp. 155–159°C. This is recrystallized from a mixture of isopropyl ether/n-hexane to give 0.056 g of grayish white crystals, yield 51.4%, mp. 162–164°C. 10

15 Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $C_{18}H_{18}Cl_2O_4S_2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}H_2O$  15

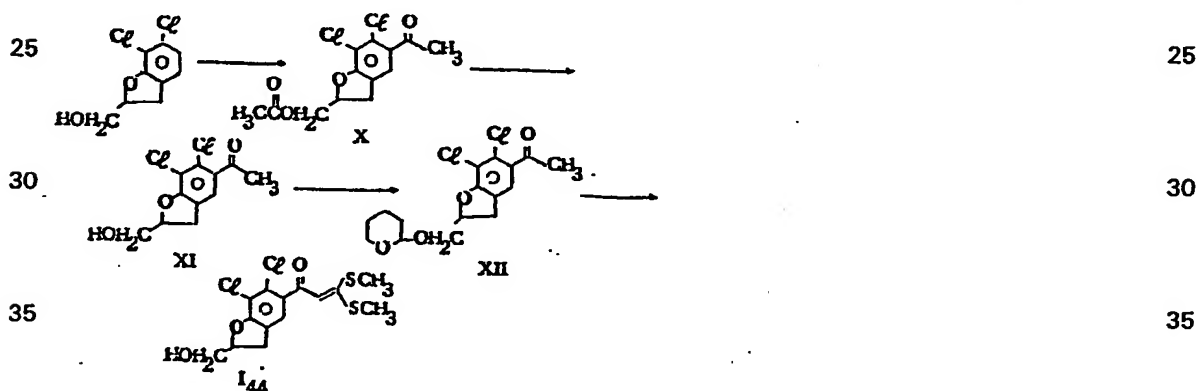
: C 49.37 H 4.26, Cl 16.20, S 14.65,  $H_2O$  1.03

Found (%) : C 49.49, H 4.18, Cl 16.47, S 14.48,  $H_2O$  0.80

IR  $\nu_{max}$  (Nujol) : 3260 (br), 1760, 1605, 1598  $cm^{-1}$ .

- 20 Example 44 20

6,7-Dichloro-5-[3,3-bis(methylthio)-2-propenyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-yl methanol



Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $C_{13}H_{12}Cl_2O_4$

- 50 : C 51.50 H 3.99, Cl 23.29, 50

Found (%) : C 51.36, H 3.98, Cl 23.26.

IR :  $\nu_{max}$  (Nujol) 1735, 1685  $cm^{-1}$ .

NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $CDCl_3$ ) : 2.07 (s,3H), 2.60 (3H,s), 2.83–3.70 (2H, m), 4.32 (2H, d), 4.97–5.45 (1H,m), 7.32 (1H).

- 55 To 4.78 g (15.8 mmol) of the compound  $X_{44}$  are added 20ml of methanol and 20 ml of 1N 55  
potassium hydroxide, and the mixture is allowed to react for an hour. The solvent is removed by  
evaporation and the residue is dissolved in dichloromethane. The dichloromethane layer is  
washed with water (2 times), dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and decolorized by  
60 chromatography on 4 g of silical-gel to give 3.51 g of the compound  $X_{I_{44}}$ , yield 85.2 %, mp. 60  
102–105°C. This is recrystallized to give grayish white crystals, mp. 105–106°C.

Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $C_{11}H_{10}Cl_2O_3$

: C 50.60 H 3.86, Cl 27.16,

Found (%) : C 50.39, H 3.80, Cl 26.96.

5 IR :  $\nu_{\max}$  (Nujol) 3500(br), 1677  $cm^{-1}$ .

NMR : 2.58 (3H,s); 2.83–3.63 (3H, m+D<sub>2</sub>O 2H), 3.70–4.18 (2H, m), 4.85–5.33(1H,m), 7.28(1H).

To a solution of 3.30 g (12.6 mmol) of the compound X I and 2.13 g (25.3 mmol) of dihydropyran in 35 ml of chloroform is added a catalytic amount of p-toluenesulfonic acid, and the mixture is allowed to react at room temperature for 3 hours while being stirred. Chloroform is evaporated and the residue is dissolved in ether, poured into an ammonia (2 ml)-ice mixture. The ether layer is separated, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and evaporated to give 4.39 g of the compound X II, yield 100%.

15 NMR:  $\delta$ ppm 1.58 (6H,br), 2.60(3H,s), 2.93–4.13 (6H,m), 4.62(1H,br), 4.95–5.43(1H,m), 7.35(1H).

In the same manner as in Example 1 is treated 2.30 g (6.7 mmol) of the compound X II. To the reaction mixture are added 5 ml of anisole and 5 ml of trifluoroacetic acid and the mixture is allowed to react at room temperature while being stirred. The reaction product is treated by chromatography on a Lober column, crystallized from n-hexane, and recrystallized from ethyl acetate to give 0.47 g of pale yellow crystalline solid, yield 19.3%, mp. 120–121°C.

25 Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $C_{14}H_{14}Cl_2O_3S_2$

: C 46.03 H 3.86, Cl 19.41, S 17.56

Found (%) : C 45.84, H 4.03, Cl 19.46, S 17.52

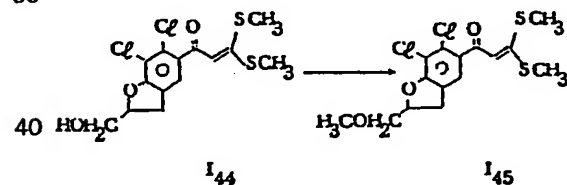
NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) : 2.03 (1H,br), 2.50(3H,s), 2.53(3H,s), 3.12–3.40(2H,m), 3.95(2H,br-t,D<sub>2</sub>Ot), 4.85–5.32(1H,m), 6.48(1H,s), 7.27(1H).

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#### Example 45

3,3-Bis(methylthio)-1-[6,7-dichloro-2-methoxymethyl-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-5-yl]-acrylaldehyde

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To a suspension of 0.037 g of 65% sodium hydride in DMF is added a solution of 0.36 g (1 mmol) of the compound I<sub>44</sub> in 2 ml DMF under nitrogen atmosphere at room temperature while being stirred. Subsequently, an excess amount of methyl iodide added thereto and the mixture is allowed to react for 2 hours. The reaction product is chromatographed on a Lober column to give 0.065 g of the compound I<sub>45</sub>, yield 17.4%, mp. 132–134°C, which is recrystallized from isopropyl ether-hexane to give 0.05 g of pale yellow crystalline product, yield 13.5%, 135–136°C.

Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $C_{15}H_{16}Cl_2O_3S_2$

: C 47.49 H 4.56, Cl 18.69, S 16.91

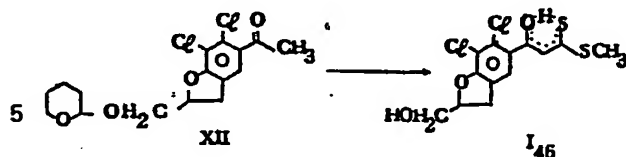
Found (%) : C 47.38, H 4.30, Cl 18.85, S 16.86.

55 NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) : [2.48(s), 2.53(s), 6H], 3.10–3.50 (5H,m), 3.63(2H,d), 4.87–5.37(1H,m), 6.47(1H,s), 7.25(1H).

#### Example 46

6,7-Dichloro-5-[3-mercapto-3-(methylthio)-2-propenoyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-yl-methanol



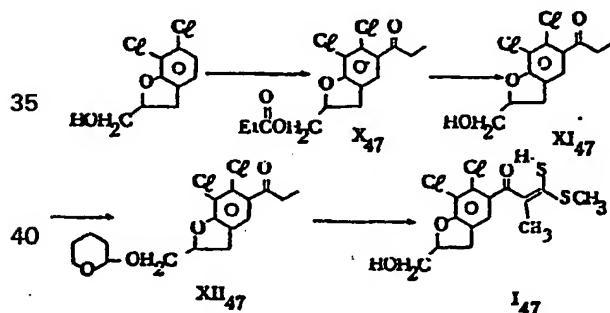


Using 3.43 g (9.9 mmol) of the compound XII, 2.27 g (29.8 mmol) of carbon disulfide, 6.0 g (29.8 mmol) of 4-methoxybenzylbromide, 0.88 g (23.8 mmol) of 65% sodium hydride, 1.98 ml of N,N-dimethylacetamide and 10 ml of ether, the reaction is made in the same manner as in Example 35. A portion (1.6 g) of 2.7 g of the reaction product [the remains (1.1 g) are used in Example 49] is allowed to react with 3.2 ml of anisole and 4 ml of trifluoroacetic acid for 1.5 hours and then to react with methyl iodide in the presence of anhydrous potassium carbonate in acetonitrile for 0.5 hours. The product is treated with a trifluoroacetic acid/anisole mixture and purified by using a Lober column to give 0.24 g (yield 11.7%) of the compound I<sub>46</sub>, m.p. 100–102°C. This is recrystallized from isopropyl ether to give 0.20 g (yield 9.7%) of pale yellow crystals, m.p. 101–102°C.

Anal. Calcd. (%) for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C 44.45, H 3.44, Cl 20.19, S 18.25  
 Found (%): C 44.21, H 3.48, Cl 20.37, S 18.18.  
 IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (Nujol): 3400 (br), 1595, 1609 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  
 NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.02 (br, 1H, disappeared by addition of D<sub>2</sub>O), 2.63 (3H, s), 2.92–3.43 (2H, m), 3.67–4.10 (2H, m), 4.82–5.38 (1H, m), 6.62 (1H, s), 7.48 (1H), 14.97 (1H, s).

#### Example 47

6,7-Dichloro-5-[2-methyl-3-mercapto-3-(methylthio)propenoyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-yl-methanol



6,7-Dichloro-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-yl-methanol (6.0 g, 27.4 mmol) is allowed to react with 7.6 g (82.1 mmol) of propionyl chloride (82.1 mmol), 11.0 g (82.5 mmol) of anhydrous aluminium chloride, and 30 ml of dichloromethane in the same manner as in Example 44 to give 7.10 g (yield 82.7%) of the compound X<sub>47</sub>, m.p. 49–50°C.

Anal. Calcd. (%) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C 54.39, H 4.87, Cl 21.41,  
 Found (%): C 54.19, H 4.92, Cl 21.37.  
 IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (Nujol): 1742, 1697, 1607 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  
 NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.10 (t, 3H), 1.17 (t, 3H), 2.35 (2H, q), 2.92 (2H, q), 3.10–3.70 (2H, m), 4.30 (2H, d), 4.93–5.43 (1H, m), 7.17 (1H).

The compound X<sub>47</sub> (7.1 g, 21.4 mmol) is treated with 14 ml of ethanol and 26 ml of 1N-potassium carbonate in the same manner as in Example 44 to give 5.40 g (yield 91.5%) of the compound I<sub>47</sub>, m.p. 94–95°C.

Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $C_{12}H_{12}Cl_2O_3$

	: C 52.38 H 4.40, Cl 25.77,	
Found (%)	: C 52.15, H 4.45, Cl 25.63.	
5 IR $\nu_{max}$ (Nujol)	: 3510, 3430, 1682, 1654, 1604 $cm^{-1}$ .	5
NMR $\delta$ ppm ( $CDCl_3$ )	: 1.15 (3H, t), 2.70–3.40 (7H, m), 3.55–4.17 (2H, m), 4.83–5.15 (1H, m), 7.17 (1H).	

The compound  $X_{I_7}$  (5.0 g, 18.2 mmol) is treated with 3.05g (36.3 mmol) of dihydropyran  
10 in the same manner as in Example 44 to give 6.53 g (yield 100%) of the compound  $X_{II_7}$ . 10

NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $CDCl_3$ ): 1.18 (3H, t), 1.63 (6H, br), 2.73–4.17 (8H, m) 4.67 (1H, br), 4.93–5.40 (1H, m), 7.20 (1H).

The compound  $X_{II_7}$  (4.0 g, 11.1 mmol) is allowed to react with 2.54 g (33.4 mmol) of  
15 carbon disulfide and 6.72 g (33.4 mmol) of 4-methoxybenzyl bromide in the same manner as in 15  
Example 46 to give the finally objective compound, which is recrystallized from water/isopropyl  
ether to give 0.060 g (yield 1.4%) of the compound  $I_{47}$ , as pale yellow crystals, m.p. 85–87°C.

Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $C_{14}H_{14}Cl_2O_3S_2 \cdot 1/4H_2O$

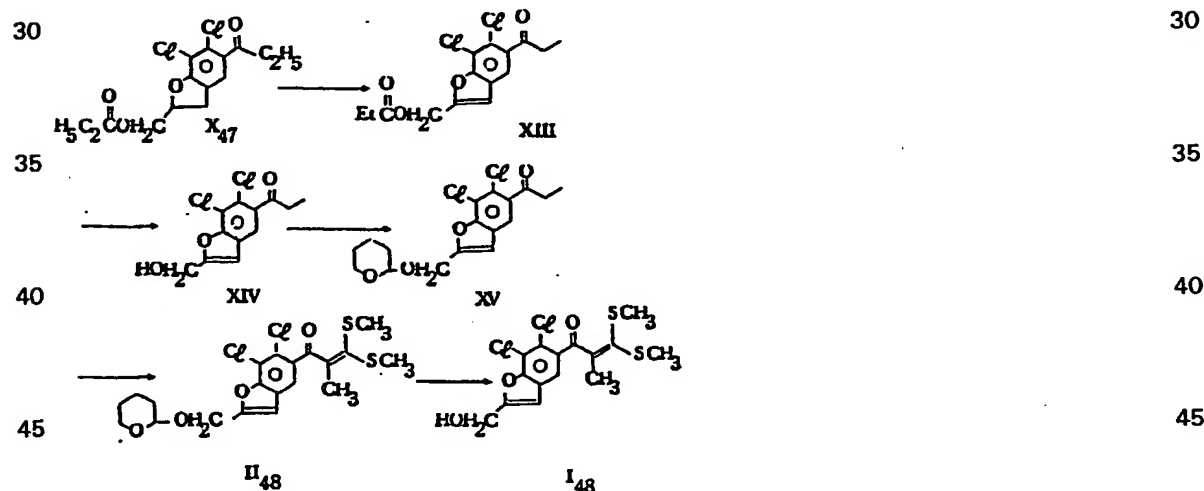
20	: C 45.47, H 3.95, Cl 19.18, S 17.34, $H_2O$ 1.22,	20
Found (%)	: C 45.54, H 3.94, Cl 19.18, S 17.38, $H_2O$ 1.04.	
IR $\nu_{max}$ (Nujol)	: 3360, 1685, 1603 $cm^{-1}$ .	
NMR $\delta$ ppm ( $CDCl_3$ )	: [1.62 (d), 2.00 (s), 3H], [2.57 (s), 2.63 (s), 3H], 3.03–3.58 (3H, m), 3.70–3.95 (2H, m), 4.76–5.43 (1H, m).	

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#### Example 48

6,7-Dichloro-5-[2-methyl-3,3-bis(methylthio)propenoyl]-1-benzofuran-2-yl-methanol



In the same manner as in Example 33, 3.75 g (11.3 mmol) of the compound  $X_{47}$  (Example 47)  
50 is treated to give 2.95 g (yield 79.2%) of the compound  $X_{III}$ . 50

NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $CDCl_3$ ): 1.17, 1.22 (6H, t $\times$ 2), 2.40 (2H, q), 2.93 (2H, q), 5.22 (2H, s), 6.78 (1H, s), 7.47 (1H, s).

55 In the same manner as in Example 33, 2.95 g (9.0 mmol) of the compound  $X_{III}$  is treated to 55  
give 2.40 g (yield 98.0%) of the compound  $X_{IV}$  as grayish white crystals, m.p. 93–95°C.

Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $C_{12}H_{10}Cl_2O_3$

	: C 52.77, H 3.69, Cl 25.96,	
60 Found (%)	: C 52.48, H 3.76, Cl 25.77.	60
IR $\nu_{max}$ (Nujol)	: 3250, 1704 $cm^{-1}$ .	

In the same manner as in Example 33, 2.20 g (8.1 mmol) of the compound  $X_{IV}$  is treated  
with dihydropyran to give 2.30 g (yield 79.9%) of the compound  $X_V$ .

NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 1.22 (3H, t), 1.70 (6H, m), 2.95 (2H, q), 3.25–4.33 (2H, m), 4.50–5.00 (3H, m), 6.73 (1H, s), 7.45 (1H, s).

In the same manner as in Example 1, 2.10 g (5.9 mmol) of the compound X V is allowed to react for 18 hours to give 2.10 g (yield 77.2%) of the compound II<sub>48</sub>.

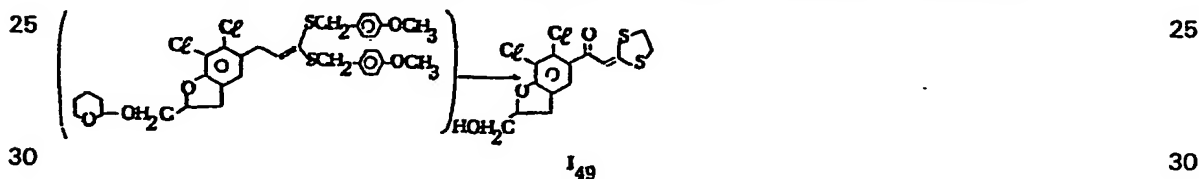
NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 1.67 (6H, m), 1.90 (3H, s), 2.27 (3H, s), 2.35 (1H, s), 3.33–4.17 (2H, m), 6.42 (3H, m), 6.73 (1H, s), 7.62 (1H, s).

10 In the same manner as in Example 44, 0.65 g (1.4 mmol) of the compound II<sub>48</sub> is treated with anisole/trifluoroacetic acid to give 0.430 g (yield 80.8%) of the compound I<sub>48</sub>, m.p. 120–122°C. This is recrystallized from isopropyl ether to give 0.352 g (yield 66.2%) of pale yellow crystals, m.p. 122–123°C.

15 Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}_2$  : C 47.75, H 3.74, Cl 18.79, S 17.00,  
Found (%) : C 47.63, H 3.81, Cl 18.65, S 16.88.  
IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (Nujol) : 3580, 3420, 1651, 1606  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  
NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) : 1.88 (3H, s), 2.28 (3H, s), 2.35 (3H, s), 2.98 (1H, t), 4.75 (2H, d,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , s), 6.62 (1H, s), 4.78 (1H, s).

#### Example 49

6,7-Dichloro-5-[2-(1,3-dithioran-2-ylidene)acetyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-yl-methanol



In the same manner as in Example 19, 1.0 g of the compound prepared from the 1st step of the processes in Example 47 is treated with 0.28 g of ethanedithiol to give 0.15 g (yield 11.2%) of the compound I<sub>49</sub>, m.p. 165–170°C. This is recrystallized from ethyl acetate to give 0.10 g (yield 7.5%) of pale yellow crystals, m.p. 170–171°C.

Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}_2$  : C 46.28, H 3.33, Cl 19.52, S 17.65,  
Found (%) : C 46.24, H 3.38, Cl 19.68, S 17.38.  
IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (Nujol) : 3410, 1605, 1590  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  
NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) : 2.81 (1H, br-t), 3.07–4.25 (8H, m), 4.80–5.33 (1H, m), 6.93 (1H, s), 7.20 (1H).

#### Example 50

6,7-Dichloro-5-[2-(1,3-dithioran-2-ylidene)acetyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-yl-methanol acetate



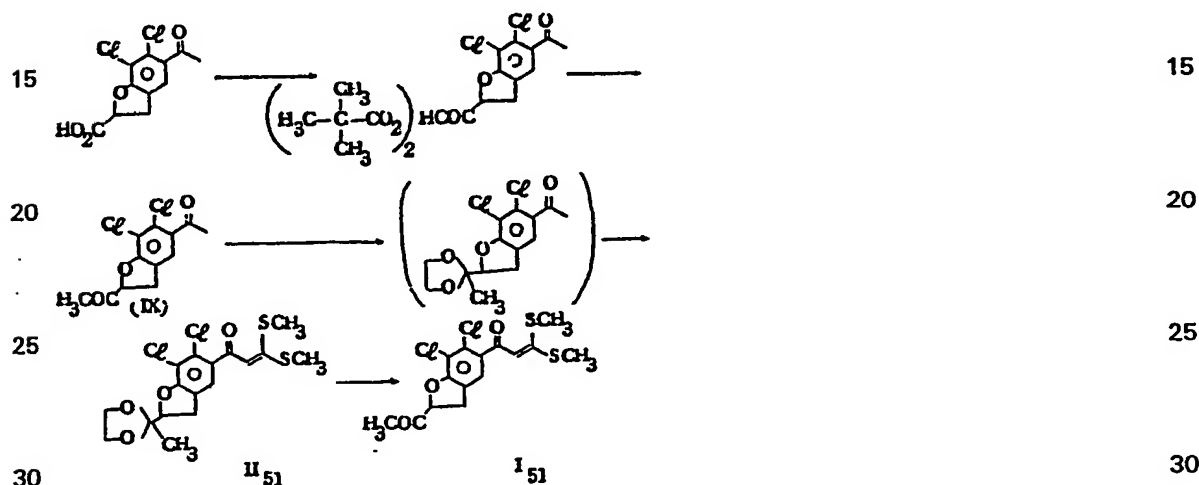
55 To a solution of 0.075 g (0.2 mmol) of the compound I<sub>49</sub> (Example 49), 0.042 g (0.4 mmol) of triethylamine, and a catalytic amount of 4-(N,N-dimethylamino)-pyridine in 2 ml of dry dichloromethane is added 0.035 g (0.4 mmol) of acetyl chloride while being stirred under ice-cooling, and the mixture is allowed to react for 0.5 hour. The reaction product is chromatographed on a Lober column (type A) with benzene/ethyl acetate (10/1) as an eluent to give 0.08 g (yield 95.2%) of the compound I<sub>50</sub>, m.p. 126–128°C. This is recrystallized from ether/ethyl acetate to give 0.05 g (yield 59.5%) of the compound I<sub>50</sub> as grayish white crystals, m.p. 128–129°C.

Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $C_{16}H_{14}Cl_2O_4S_2$

	: C 47.41, H 3.48, Cl 17.50, S 15.82,	
Found (%)	: C 47.52, H 3.66, Cl 17.46, S 15.61.	
5 IR $\nu_{\max}$ (Nujol)	: 1726, 1738, 1638, 1620, 1605 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .	5
NMR $\delta_{\text{ppm}}$ ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )	: 2.08 (3H, s), 2.95–3.72 (2H, m), 4.32 (2H, d), 4.98–5.43 (1H, m), 7.00 (1H, s), 7.28 (1H).	

# Example 51

10 1-,6,7-Dichloro-5-[3,3-bis(methylthio)-2-propenyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-yl]-1-methyl ketone



With thionyl chloride is treated 0.70 g (2.5 mmol) of 5-acetyl-6,7-dichloro-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid (W. F. Hoffman *et al.* J. Med. Chem., 24, 865–873 (1981)) to give the corresponding acid chloride, the solution of which dissolved in ether is treated with 1.1 g (5.1 mmol) of t-butyl malonate in ether in the presence of 0.18 g (4.9 mmol) of sodium hydride. The reaction product is, without isolation and purification, allowed to react with 3 ml of trifluoroacetic acid at room temperature for an hour, and then the trifluoroacetic acid is removed by evaporation. To the residue is added 15 ml of toluene and the mixture is refluxed under heating for 2.5 hours. The product is chromatographed on a Lober column (type B) with benzene/ethyl acetate (10/1) as an eluent to give 0.32 g (yield 46.0%) of the compound IX.

NMR: 2.35 (3H, s), 2.63 (3H, s), 3.27–3.63 (2H, m), 5.12–5.40 (1H, m), 7.37 (1H).  
IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ): 1715, 1680, 1690, 1605  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

45 A mixture of 1.50 g (5.5 mmol) of the compound IX, 5.0 ml of ethylene glycol, and a catalytic amount of p-toluenesulfonic acid in benzene is refluxed under heating for 2 hours, during which time the water generated is removed as azeotrope. The crude product (1.80 g) is treated, isolated and purified in the same manner as in Example 1 to give 0.180 g (yield 7.8%) of the compound II<sub>51</sub>, as an oil.

50 NMR  $\delta_{\text{ppm}}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 1.37 (3H, s), [2.47 (s), 2.52 (s), 6H], 3.20–3.33 (2H, m), 4.00 (4H, br), 4.77–5.05 (1H, m), 6.47 (1H, s), 7.25 (1H).

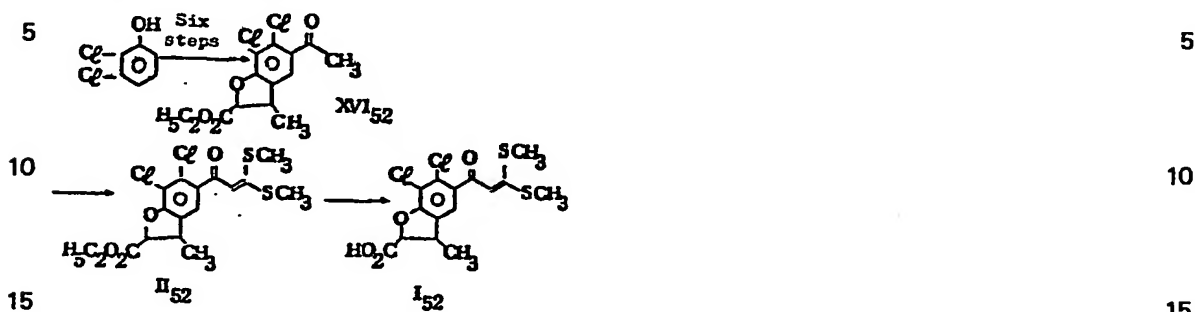
55 The compound II<sub>51</sub> (0.180 g, 0.4 mmol) is allowed to react with 2 ml of trifluoroacetic acid at room temperature for 6 hours to give 0.120 g (yield 74.8%) of the compound I<sub>51</sub>, m.p. 98–101°C. This is recrystallized from ether/ethyl acetate to give 0.097 g (yield 59.6%) of grayish white crystals, m.p. 102–103°C.

Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $C_{16}H_{14}Cl_2O_3S_2 \cdot 1/4\text{H}_2\text{O}$

60	: C 47.20, H 3.83, Cl 18.57, S 16.80, H <sub>2</sub> O 1.18,	60
Found (%)	: C 47.10, H 3.74, Cl 18.51, S 16.59, H <sub>2</sub> O 1.00.	
IR $\nu_{\max}$ (Nujol):	3420 (br), 1725, 1623, 1598, 1605 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .	
NMR $\delta_{\text{ppm}}$ ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )	: 2.33 (3H, s), 2.53 (6H, s), 3.30–3.60 (2H, m); 5.08–5.37 (1H, m); 6.43 (1H, s), 7.27 (1H).	

## Example 52

(2R, 3S/2S, 3R)-6,7-Dichloro-5-[3,3-bis(methylthio)-2-propenoyl]-3-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid



The starting material 2,3-dichlorophenol (made by Aldrich Chemical Co.) is allowed to react with crotyl bromide in place of allyl bromide in the same manner as disclosed in W. F. Hoffman *et al* J. Med. Chem. 24 865 (1981) to give the compound X VI in 12.2% yield, m.p. 92–93°C.

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.20–1.43 (6H, m), 2.62 (3H, s), 3.63–3.77 (1H, m), 4.28 (2H, q), 5.37 (1H, d, J=9.8Hz), 7.23 (1H).

In the same manner as in Example 1, 0.8 g (2.5 mmol) of the compound X VI is treated to give 0.187 g (yield 17.6%) of the compound II<sub>52</sub>.

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.17–1.43 (6H, m), 2.52 (6H, s), 3.48–4.45 (3H, m), 5.38 (1H, d, J=9.8Hz), 6.48 (1H, s), 7.28 (1H).

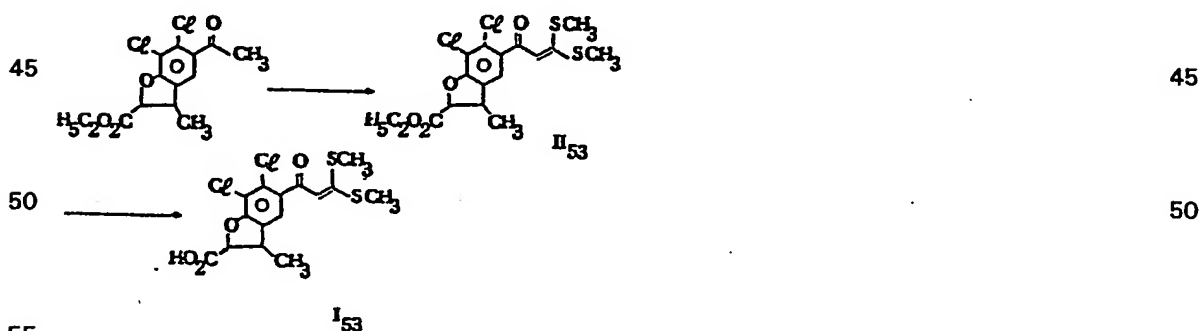
In the same manner as in Example 1, 0.187 g (0.4 mmol) of the compound II<sub>52</sub> is hydrolyzed to give 0.174 g (qu. yield) of the compound I<sub>52</sub>, m.p. 236–239°C. This is recrystallized from ethyl acetate to give 0.137 g (yield 77.4%) of pale yellow crystals, m.p. 236–239°C.

Anal. Calcd. (%) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> 1/4H<sub>2</sub>O

: C 45.29, H 3.67, Cl 17.83, S 16.12, H<sub>2</sub>O 1.13,  
Found (%) : C 45.51, H 3.68, Cl 17.75, S 15.88, H<sub>2</sub>O 1.00.

## Example 53

(2R, 3R/2S, 3S)-6,7-Dichloro-5-[3,3-bis(methylthio)-2-propenoyl]-3-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid



In the same manner as in Example 52, 0.80 g (2.5 mmol) of the compound X VI<sub>53</sub>:

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.20–1.56 (6H, m), 2.63 (3H, s), 3.35–4.00 (1H, m), 4.30 (2H, q), 4.90 (1H, d, J=6.4Hz), 7.33 (1H).

which is obtained in Example 52 as the *trans* isomer (yield 12.5%) of the compound X VI<sub>52</sub> (*cis* form), is treated to give 0.085 g (yield 8.0%) of the compound II<sub>53</sub>.

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.17–1.53 (6H, m), 2.45 (3H, s), 2.56 (3H, s), 3.37–4.00 (1H, m), 4.25 (2H, q), 4.80 (1H, d, J=6.4Hz), 6.42 (1H, s), 7.17 (1H).

In the same manner as in Example 52, 0.085 g (0.2 mmol) of the compound X VI<sub>53</sub> is hydrolyzed to give 0.079 g (qu. yield) of the compound I<sub>53</sub>, m.p. 122–124°C. This is recrystallized from ether to give 0.050 g (yield 63.3%) of pale yellow crystals, m.p. 124–125°C.

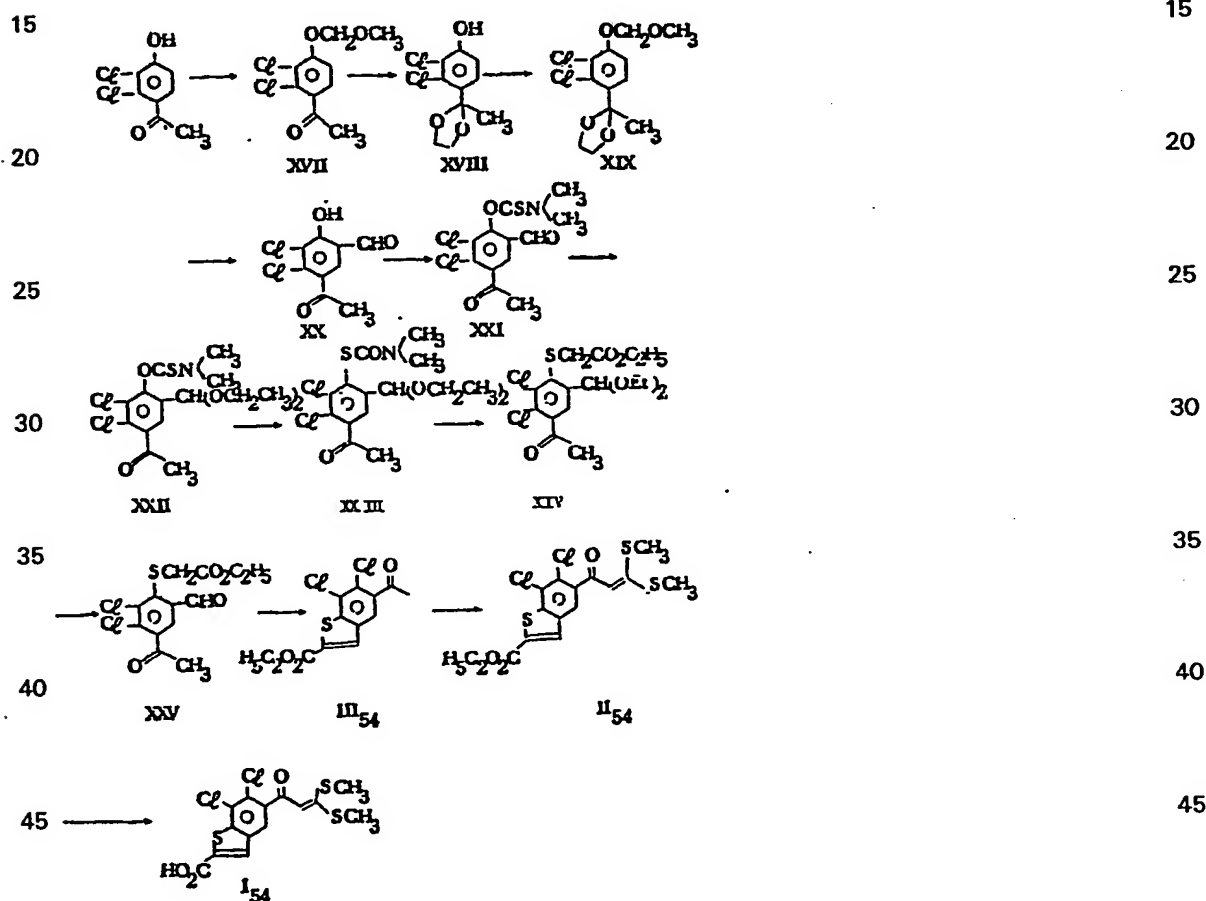
Anal. Calcd. (%) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>

: C 45.80, H 3.59, Cl 18.03, S 16.31,

Found (%) : C 45.64, H 3.70, Cl 18.13, S 16.21.

#### Example 54

6,7-Dichloro-5-[3,3-bis(methylthio)-2-propenoyl]benzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxylic acid



To 6.30 g (30.7 mmol) of 2,3-dichloro-4-hydroxybenzophenone [Sprague, James, M. (Merck) U.S. 345, 312] are added 8.5 g (61.5 mmol) of anhydrous powdery potassium carbonate and 63 ml of acetonitrile, and then 3.7 g (46.0 mmol) of chloromethyl methyl ether is added at room temperature while being stirred, and the resulting mixture is allowed to react for 3 hours. The unpurified reaction product is dissolved in 300 ml of benzene, and 5 ml of ethylene glycol and catalytic amount of p-toluenesulfonic acid are added, and the mixture is refluxed for continuous dehydration for 8 hours while being stirred to give 5.90 g of the compound X VIII, yield 77.1%, mp. 150–152°C.

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ ppm: 1.78(3H,s), 3.57–3.90(4H, m), 5.83(1H, brs disappeared by addition of D<sub>2</sub>O), 6.85–7.43(2H, d-d).

A mixture of 5.90 g (23.7 mmol) of the compound X VIII, 6.55 g (47.4 mmol) of anhydrous powdery potassium carbonate, 2.10 g (26.1 mmol) of chloromethyl methyl ether and 60 ml of acetonitrile is allowed to react at room temperature for 2 hours while being stirred to give 6.60 g of the compound X IX, quantitative yield.

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δppm: 1.78(3H,s), 3.50(3H,m), 3.50–4.10a(4H,m), 5.25(2H,s), 7.02–7.50(2H,d-d).

In the same manner as disclosed in the literature [Holdor, Christensen, Synth. Comm. 5(1), 65–78] is treated 6.60 g of the compound X IX to give 3.72 g of the compound X X, yield 67.5%. To a solution of 1.30 g (5.6 mmol) of the compound X X in 6.5 ml of N,N-dimethylformamide is added a suspension of 0.277 g (6.1 mmol) of 65 % sodium hydride in 3 ml of DMF over a 1/6 hour period, and then added 1.0 g (8.1 mmol) of dimethylthiocarbamoyl chloride (Made by Aldrich), and the resultant mixture is allowed to react at room temperature for 1/2 hours and then on an oil bath at 60–65°C for 2 hours.

The reaction product is treated with methanol to give 0.922 g of the compound X X I, yield 51.6 %, mp. 121–122°C.

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δppm: 2.63(3H,s), 3.38(6H,m), 7.65(1H,m), 9.92(1H,s).

To a solution of 1.70 g (5.3 mmol) of the compound X X I in 12 ml of dry ethanol are added 0.051 g (1 mmol) of aluminium chloride and 1.4 ml (8.5 mmol) of orthoethyl formate, and the mixture is refluxed for 2 hours while being stirred to give 2.10 g of the reaction product (yield qu). To this, without purification, is added 18 ml diphenyl ether and the mixture is allowed to react in nitrogen atmosphere on an oil bath at 225–230°C for 0.5 hour. Diphenyl ether is removed by evaporation under reduced pressure and the residue is chromatographed on 40 g of alumina to give 1.65 g of the compound X X III (yield 79.0 %)

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δppm: 1.20(6H,t), 2.62(3H,s), 3.12(6H,brs), 3.58(4H,qu), 5.77(1H,s), 7.73 (1H,s).

To a solution of 1.65 g (4.2 mmol) of the compound X X III in 33 ml of methanol is added 3.7 ml (9.3 mmol) of 10% sodium hydroxide in nitrogen atmosphere while being stirred. The mixture is refluxed under heating for 2.5 hours. The reaction mixture is evaporated to dryness. To a solution of the residue dissolved in 10 ml of acetonitril is added 0.55 ml (5.0 mmol) of ethyl bromoacetate in nitrogen atmosphere while being stirred, and the mixture is allowed to react at room temperature for 3 hours. The reaction mixture is chromatographed on a Lober column (Type B) with a benzene/ethyl acetate (10/1) to give 1.20 g of the compound X X IV, yield 69.9%.

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δppm: 1.62–1.35(9H, m), 2.62(3H,s), 3.48–4.25 (8H,m), 5.98(1H,s), 7.67(1H,s).

To 120 g (2.9 mmol) of the compound X X IV is added 3.6 ml of trifluoroacetic acid and the mixture is allowed to react for 1 hour in nitrogen atmosphere while being stirred. The reaction product is chromatographed on a Lober column (Type B) with benzene/ethyl acetate (10/1) as an eluent to give 0.650 g of the compound X X V, yield 66.0%.

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δppm: 1.17(3H,t), 2.63(3H,s), 3.70(2H,s), 4.08(2H,q), 7.72(1H,s), 10.75 (1H,s).

To 0.28 g (0.8 mmol) of the compound X X V is added 0.3 ml of 1N-soudim hydroxide at room temperature in nitrogen atmosphere and the mixture is allowed to react for 1 hour (or in 1.4 ml of pyridine and 0.4 ml of piperidine at 100–105°C for 1 hour.). The reaction product (0.27 g) is chromatographed on a Lober column (Type B) to give 0.150 g of the compound III<sub>54</sub>, yield 56.6%.

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δppm: 1.42(3H,t), 2.67(3H,s), 4.08(2H,q), 7.87(1H,s), 8.02(1H,s).

The compound III<sub>54</sub> (0.15 g, 0.5 mmol) is allowed to react in the same manner as in Example 1 to give 0.075 g of the compound II<sub>54</sub>, yield 37.7%.

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δppm: 1.40(3H,t), 2.48(3H,s), 2.53(3H,s), 4.38(2H,q), 7.80(1H,s), 7.93(1H,s).

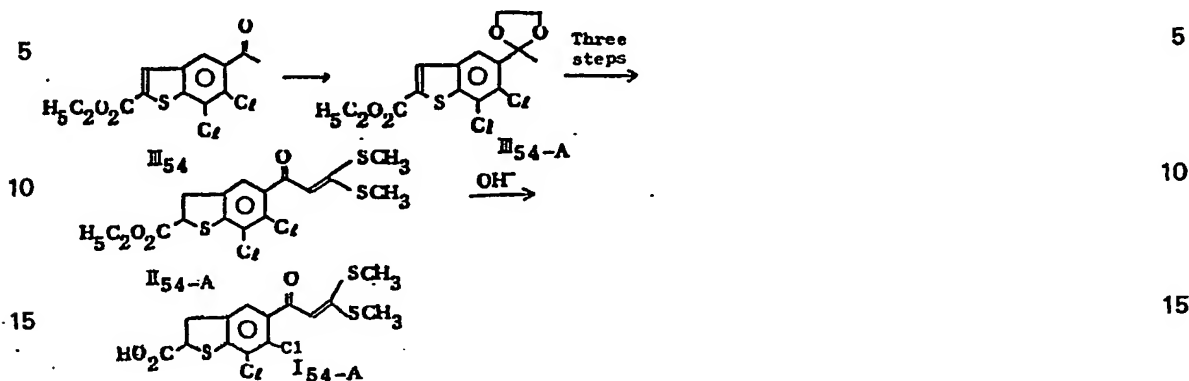
In the same manner as mentioned in Example 5 is hydrolyzed 0.075 g (0.2 mmol) of the compound II<sub>54</sub> to give 0.066 g of the compound I<sub>54</sub>, quantitative yield, mp. 223–225°C (dec.). This is recrystallized from ethyl acetate to give 0.038 g of grayish white crystals, yield 57.8%, mp. 225–227°C (dec.).

Anal. Calcd. (%) for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>31</sub>/4H<sub>2</sub>O

: C 42.26, H 2.66, Cl 17.82, S 24.18, H<sub>2</sub>O 1.13,  
Found (%) : C 42.02, H 2.79, Cl 17.72, S 24.02, H<sub>2</sub>O 1.00.

## Example 54-A

6,7-Dichloro-5-[3,3-bis(methylthio)-2-propenoyl]-2,3-dihydro-benzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxylic acid



The mixture of 0.260 g (0.8 mmol) of the compound III<sub>54</sub>, 1 ml of ethylene glycol, a catalytic amount of p-toluenesulfonic acid and 10 ml of benzene is refluxed for 48 hours while being stirred, during which time the water produced is removed continuously. The reaction mixture is cooled, poured into a mixture of ammonia water and ice and extracted with benzene. The organic layer is washed twice with water, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and the benzene is removed to give 0.280 g of the compound III<sub>54</sub> A, yield 88.0%, mp. 114–116°C.

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.42 (3H, t), 1.83(3H,s), 3.53–4.38 (6H,m), 7.92(1H,s), 8.0(1H,s).

To 0.280 g (0.8 mmol) of the compound III<sub>54</sub> A are added 5 ml of dioxane and 5 ml of 1N-sodium hydroxide, and the mixture is allowed to react for 3 hours at room temperature and then evaporated. To a solution of the residue dissolved in 10 ml of water is added sodium amalgam (prepared from 33 mg of sodium and 1.3 mg of mercury) in small portions over a 30 minute period and the mixture is allowed to react for further 6 hours. The precipitate is removed and resulting alkaline solution is acidified (pH 3–4) with 10% hydrochloric acid. This solution is extracted three times with ether. The organic layer is washed with water, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and evaporated to give residue, to which are added 10 ml of ethanol and a catalytic amount of conc. sulfuric acid. The mixture is refluxed for 4 hours while being stirred. The reaction product (0.20 g) without purification is allowed to react in the same manner as in Example 1 and chromatographed on a Lober column (Type A) with ethyl acetate/benzene (1.15) as an eluent to give 0.04 g II<sub>54</sub> A, yield 12.2%.

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.28(3H, t), 2.52(3H, s), 2.55(3H, s), 3.50–3.85(2H, m), 4.20(2H, q), 4.37–4.60(1H, m), 6.60(1H, s), 7.63 (1H).

The compound II<sub>54</sub> A (0.04 g, 0.1 mmol) is hydrolyzed with an alkali to give the compound I<sub>54</sub> A in quantitative yield, mp. 170–173°C. This is recrystallized from ether to give 0.02 g of yellow crystals, mp. 173–174°C, yield 53.5%.

Anal. Calcd. (%) For C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>3</sub>

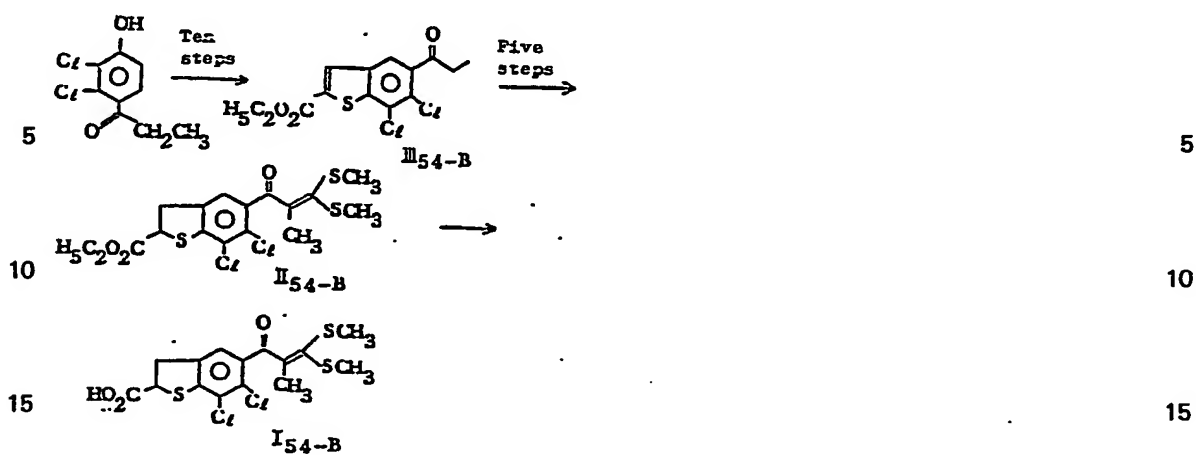
: C 42.53, H 3.06, Cl 17.94, S 24.33,

50 Found (%) : C 42.41, H 3.01, Cl 18.15, S 24.51.

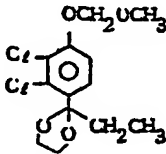
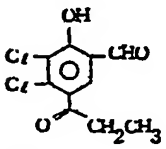
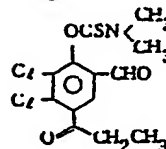
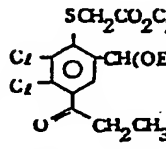
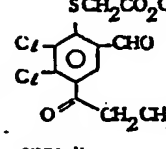
## Example 54-B

6,7-Dichloro-5-[2-methyl-3,3-bis(methylthio)propenoyl]-2,3-dihydro-benzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxylic acid



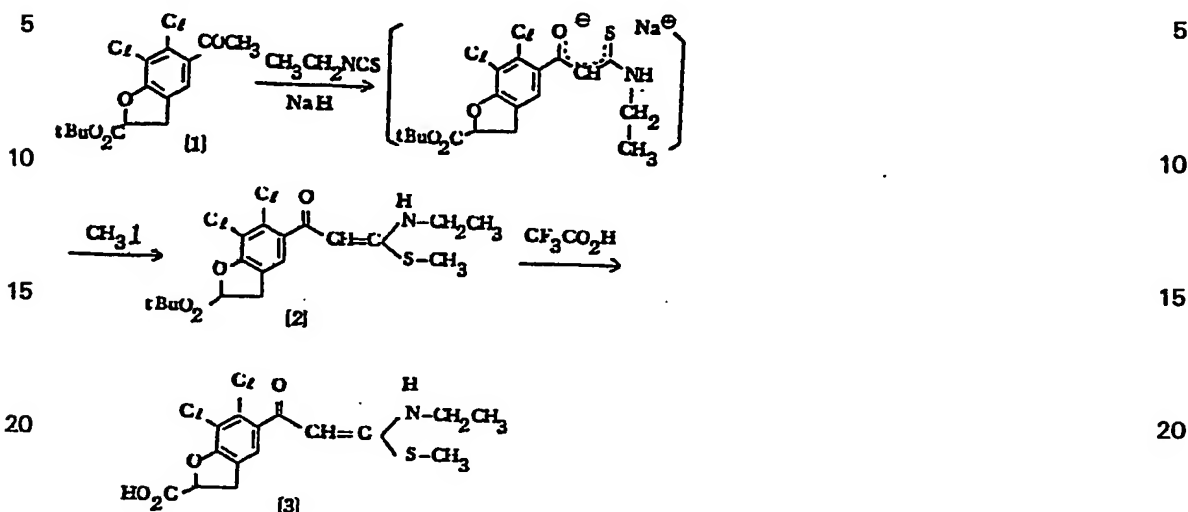


A starting material, 2,3-dichloro-4-hydroxy-propiophenone, is allowed to react in the same manner as in Example 54 to yield the compound III<sub>54-B</sub>, which is allowed to react in the same manner as in Example 54-A to yield I<sub>54-B</sub>. The yield and physical constants of intermediates are listed as follows.

5	 <p>XIX B 70.0%</p>	<p>NMR: 0.87 (3H, t) 2.15 (2H, q) 3.52 (3H, s) 3.62~4.18 (4H, m) 5.25 (2H, s) 6.95~7.55 (2H, d-d)</p>	5
10	↓		10
15	 <p>XX 85.0%</p>	<p>NMR: <math>\text{CDCl}_3</math> 1.20 (3H, t) 2.93 (2H, q) 7.63 (1H) 9.90 (1H, s) 11.73 (1H, br) IR: <math>\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{CHCl}_3}</math> 3480.3250 (br) 1695 (sh) 1660, 1603</p>	15
20	↓		20
25	 <p>XXI B 58.5%</p>	<p>NMR: <math>\text{CDCl}_3</math> 1.22 (3H, t) 2.95 (2H, q) 3.45 (6H, s) 7.78 (1H, s) 9.95 (1H, s)</p>	25
30	↓		30
35	 <p>XXIV B 46.2%</p>	<p>NMR: <math>\text{CDCl}_3</math> 1.05~1.35 (12H, m) 2.90 (2H, q) 3.47~3.82 (4H, m) 4.05 (2H, q) 5.95 (1H, s) 7.53 (1H, s)</p>	35
40	↓		40
45	 <p>XXV-B 79.4%</p>	<p>NMR: <math>\text{CDCl}_3</math> 1.23, 1.42 (6H, t x2) 2.96 (2H, q) 4.08 (2H, q) 4.00 (2H, s) 7.58 (1H, s) 10.67 (1H, s)</p>	45
50			50
	Compound III <sub>54-B</sub> : yield 0.680 g (yield 96.4%), mp. 98~99°C.		
	NMR $\delta$ ppm ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 1.12~1.55 (6H, m), 2.97 (2H, q), 4.42 (2H, q), 7.75 (1H, s), 7.98 (1H, s).		
55	Compound II <sub>54-B</sub> : (yield 7.4%)		55
	NMR $\delta$ ppm ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 1.28 (3H, t), 2.08 (3H, s), 2.15 (3H, s), 2.35 (3H, s), 3.40~3.93 (2H, m), 4.00~4.63 (3H, m), 7.57 (1H).		
60	Compound I <sub>54-B</sub> : (yield 91.2%), mp. 131~132°C.		60
	Anal. Calcd. (%) for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}_3$ : C 44.01, H 3.45, Cl 17.41, S 23.50, Found (%): C 44.05, H 3.24, Cl 17.35, S 23.41.		

**Example 55**

Preparation of 6,7-dichloro-5-(3-ethylamino-3-methylthio-2-propenoyl)-2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid [3]

**[Step-1]**

A solution of 1.65 g (5 mmol) of tert-butyl 6,7-dichloro-5-acetyl-2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-2-carboxylate [1] in 4 ml of dry dimethylformamide is added to a mixture of 0.20 g (5 mmol) of 60% oily sodium hydride, 0.53 g (6 mmol) of ethyl isothiocyanate and 1 ml of DMF in nitrogen atmosphere at 5–10°C while being stirred, and the resultant mixture is kept at the same temperature of 2.5 hours. To the reaction mixture is added 0.85 g (6 mmol) of methyl iodide and the mixture is allowed to react for 2.5 hours. After addition of an ammonium chloride solution, the mixture is extracted with ether. The organic layer is washed with a saturated aqueous solution of sodium chloride, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and then evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue is isolated and purified by medium pressure column chromatography on silica gel to give 1.6 g of the compound [2] as an oil, yield 76.5%.

IR:  $\nu_{\max}$  (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1750 (CO–O), 1609(sh)–1565(br) (aminopropenoyl portion) cm<sup>-1</sup>.  
NMR  $\delta_{\text{ppm}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 10.4(1H,br), 7.12(1H,s), 5.26(1H,s), 5.18(1H,d-d), 3.80–3.32(4H,m), 2.39(3H,s), 1.49, 1.32(12H,s+t).

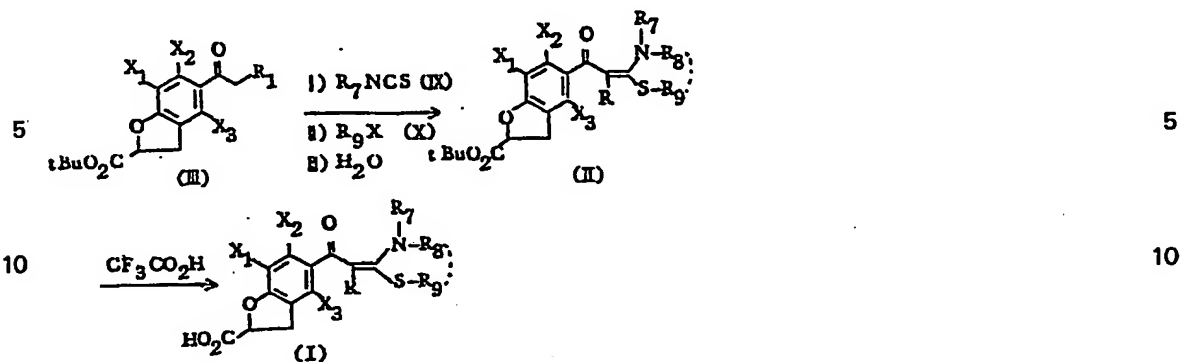
**[Step-2]**

To 1.3 g of the compound [2] prepared in Step-1 is added 13 ml of trifluoroacetic acid and the mixture is stirred for 0.5 hour at room temperature. Trifluoroacetic acid is removed under reduced pressure to give residue which is crystallized from a small amount of ether. The resulting crystals are collected by filtration and washed with a small amount of ether to give 1.15 g of the titled compound [3]. This is recrystallized from acetone to give 0.81 g of yellowish white crystals, yield 69.8% (Yield from compound [1] is 53.4%), mp. 247–249°C (dec.).

Anal. Calcd. (%) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S  
: C 47.88 H 4.02, Cl 18.85, N 3.72,  
Found (%): C 47.76, H 3.90, Cl 19.03, N 3.80.

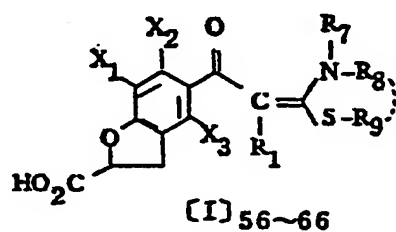
IR:  $\nu_{\max}$  (Nujol) 3300–2200(br) 2200–1800(br) 1735, 1610, 1565 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  
NMR  $\delta_{\text{ppm}}$  (DMSO d-6): 11.30(1H,br), 7.29(1H,s), 5.41(1H, d-d), 5.21(1H,s), 3.80–3.20(4H,m), 2.42(3H,s), 1.23(3H,t).

**Example 56–66**



The compound (III) is allowed to react with the compound IX (1.2 equiv. mole) in a solution of 60% oily sodium hydride (equiv. mole) in DMF or dimethylacetamide (DMA) and tetrahydrofuran (THF) under nitrogen atmosphere at 5–15°C, then, the compound (X) is added thereto, and the mixture is allowed to react at a temperature of 5°C to room temperature. Ammonium chloride is added to the reaction mixture and the resulting mixture is extracted with ether. The ether residue is purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the compound (II) which is allowed to react with 10 equivalent amount of trifluoroacetic acid at room temperature for 0.5–1.0 hour. The reaction mixture is evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue is crystallized from ether to give the aimed compound (I). The compound (I) is recrystallized from an appropriate solvent as occasion demands for the purpose of further purification. The respective examples are shown in table 5 (Nos. 1–4).

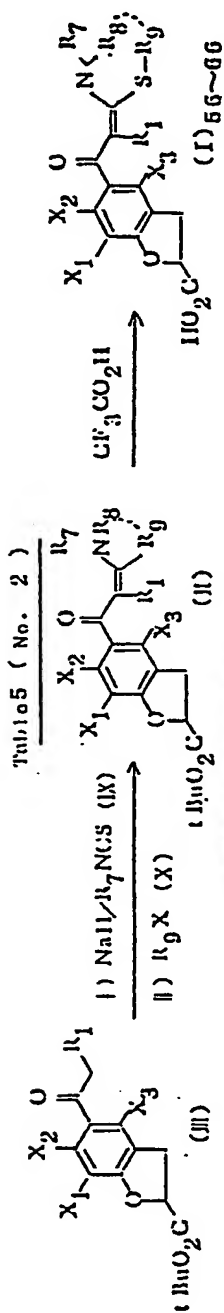
Table 5 ( No. 1 )



Example Nos.	X <sub>1</sub> ~X <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>7</sub>	R <sub>8</sub>	R <sub>9</sub>	Yield (from II) (%)
56	6,7-di-C <sub>1</sub>	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	44.6
57	"	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	39.5
58	"	H		H	CH <sub>3</sub>	62.1
59	"	CH <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	67.5
60	"	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	60.3
61	"	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	46.7
62 <sup>-1)</sup>	"	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	-CH-(OCH <sub>3</sub> )-CH <sub>2</sub>		29.4
63 <sup>-2)</sup>	"	H		-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -		34.6
64 <sup>-3)</sup>	"	H	Me			60.5
65	X <sub>1</sub> =Me X <sub>3</sub> =C <sub>1</sub>	H	Me	H	Me	21.7
66	X <sub>1</sub> =Me X <sub>2</sub> X <sub>3</sub> =H	H	Me	H	Me	6.2

※ Starting materials were prepared according to the method of William F. Hoffman et al.  
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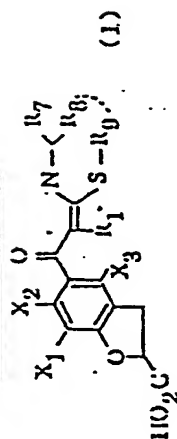
-1) R<sub>9</sub>X=BrCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMe  
-2) R<sub>9</sub>X=BrCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Br  
-3) R<sub>9</sub>X=BrCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Et



Example Nos.	Amount used Compd (III)	Solvent (ml)	Reaction		Compds R <sub>9</sub> X (X)	Reaction		Yield (%)	Yield of (I) (%)
			Temp.	Time		Temp.	Time		
56	0.994 (3)	DMF (4)	5~10°	2	Me J	5~r.t.	1	57.3	77.0
57	"	"	"	1	Et J	"	1	46.0	85.9
58	1.65 (5)	" (6)	"	2	Me J	"	1	70.8	87.7
59	1.04 (3)	" (4)	"	2	Me J	"	1	77.6	87.0
60	1.04 (3)	DMF-TiHF (1:3)	"	2	Me J	"	1	62.2	96.0
61	0.994 (3)	DMF-TiHF ( " )	"	2	CH <sub>2</sub> =CH-CH <sub>2</sub> Br	r.t.	2	51.0	91.5
62	1.32 (4)	DMF-TiHF ( " )	5~8°	3	CH <sub>2</sub> =CH-CH <sub>2</sub> Br	-50~-10°	2	40.7	72.3
63	0.994 (3)	DMF-TiHF ( " )	5~10°	2	BrCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> Br	5~r.t.	10	61.0	56.7
64	0.994 (3)	DMF-TiHF ( " )	"	2	BrCH <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> Me	5~15°	1.5	62.0	97.5
65	0.90 (3)	DMF (4)	"	2	Me J	"	1	22.7	95.6
66	1.30 (5)	DMF (6)	5~25°	1	Me J	"	1	7.7	80.1

-a) Equivalent mole of NaH is added

Table II (No. 3)



Examp Nos.	Recrystallized from	m.p. (°C)	Molecular Formula	Elementary Analysis									
				Calcd. %					Found				
				C	H	Cl	N	S	C	H	Cl	N	S
56	DMF - ethanol	203~265(d)	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> S	46.40	3.62	19.57	3.07	8.85	46.44	3.70	19.32	3.06	8.66
57	"	249~251(d)	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>15</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> S	47.80	4.02	18.84	3.72	8.52	47.70	4.04	18.57	3.82	8.30
58	acetone	223~225(d)	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>15</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> S	53.78	3.63	16.71	3.30	7.55	53.93	3.83	16.49	3.15	7.70
59	acetone	104~190(d)	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>17</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> S	49.24	4.39	18.17	3.59	8.21	49.12	4.45	18.28	3.59	8.48
60	DMF - water	206~207(d)	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>15</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> S	47.80	4.02	18.85	3.72	8.52	47.66	4.00	18.56	3.88	8.44
61	ethanol	178~180(d)	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>15</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> S	49.50	3.89	18.26	3.61	8.26	49.44	3.86	18.33	3.64	8.10
62	ethanol	258~260(d)	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>15</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>5</sub> S	47.53	3.74	17.54	3.47	7.93	47.40	3.90	17.84	3.59	7.80
63	ethanol	225~228(d)	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>15</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> S - C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	54.78	4.39	14.70	2.90	6.65	54.42	4.35	15.05	3.03	6.60
64	ethanol	253~256(d)	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>11</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>5</sub> N <sub>3</sub>	48.41	2.86	18.26	3.01	8.26	41.31	2.96	18.12	3.54	8.07
65	ethanol	248~250(d)	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>16</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> S	52.71	4.72	10.37	4.10	9.38	52.66	4.89	10.04	4.03	9.17
66	ethanol	210~220(d)	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>17</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> S	58.62	5.57		4.50	10.43	58.30	5.67		4.61	10.21

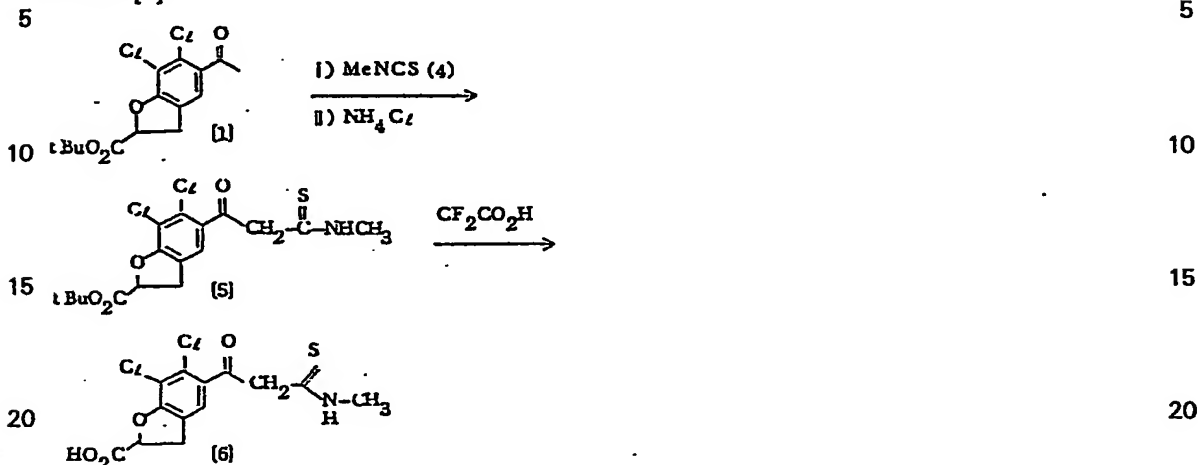
Table 5 ( No. 4 )

Exemplar Nos.	IR ( $\nu$ Nujol $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) $\mu_{\text{max}}$	NMR ( $\delta$ DMSO ppm )
56	3200~2300, 2100~1800, 1730, 1569	11.15(1H, br) 7.30(1H, s) 5.42(1H, d-d) 5.22(1H, s) 3.85~3.20(2H, m) 3.0(3H, d) 2.43(3H, s)
57	3200~1800(br), 1735, 1610, 1570	11.2(1H, br) 7.28(3H, s) 5.42(1H, d-d) 5.25(1H, s) 3.05~3.15(2H, m) 3.1~2.9(5H, m) 1.29(3H, t)
58	3200~1800(br), 1738, 1608, 1592, 1530	13.03(1H, br) 7.38(6H, m) 5.53(1H, s) 5.42(1H, d-d) 3.85~3.10(2H, m) 2.40(3H, s)
59	3200~1800(br), 1741, 1608, 1570	(p-t-Bu osol 12.03(1H, br) 6.93(1H, s-like) 5.18(1H, d-d) 3.8~3.2(4H, m) 2.39(3H, s) 1.87(3H, s) 1.48(9H, s)
60	3200~1800(br), 1725, 1610, 1565	12~11(1H, br) 7.08(1H, s) 5.45(1H, d-d) 3.85~3.16(1H, m + s) 2.42(3H, s) 1.80(3H, s)
61	3200~1800(br), 1728, 1565	11.20(1H, br) 7.26(1H, s) 6.1~5.65(1H, m) 5.5~5.1(4H, m) 3.83~3.2(4H, s) 3.0(3H, d)
62	3200~1800(br), 1730(br), 1608, 1523	7.27(1H, s-like) 5.56~5.2(3H, s-lm) 3.82~3.0(10H, m)
63	3140(br)~1800(br), 1728, 1600, 1490	7.45~7.19(6H, m) 5.09(1H, s) 5.42(1H, d-d) 4.10(2H, t) 3.8~3.2(8H, m) 1.06(3H, t)
64	~2580, 1763, 1732, 1600, 1570	7.40(1H, s) 6.46(1H, s) 5.49(1H, d-d) 3.90~3.17(7H, m)
65	3140(br)~1800(br), 1712, 1667, 1600	7.28(1H, s) 5.38(1H, d-d) 5.22(1H, s) 3.80~3.16(2H, m) 3.0(3H, d) 1.35(1H, br) 2.43(3H, s) 2.23(3H, s)
66	3200~2200, ~1950(br), 1732, 1570	11.50(1H, br) 7.10(2H, br) 5.06(1H, s) 5.27(1H, d-d) 3.80~3.10(2H, m) 2.98(3H, d) 2.50(3H, s) 2.20(3H, s)



**Example 67**

Preparation of 6,7-dichloro-5-[[N-methyl(thiocarbamoyl)]-acetyl]-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylic acid [6]



The compound [1] (0.993 g, 3 mmol) is allowed to react with methyl isothiocyanate [4] in the same manner as in Example 56. To the resulting solution of the sodium salt [5] is added a saturated ammonium chloride solution and the mixture is extracted with ether. The organic layer is washed with a saturated solution of sodium chloride, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and evaporated. The residue is chromatographed on silica gel to give 0.65 g of the compound [5] as a resinous product. (By IR and NMR spectra, the compound [5] is confirmed as a mixture of keto-form and enol-form)

IR:  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 3400(NH), 3330(br: hydrogen bond -OH), 1750(COO), 1683(CO-N-), 1620, 1610  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): (Keto+enol mixture) 14.45(0.5H, brs), 8.9(0.5H, br), 5.60(0.5 H, s), 4.39(1H,s), 3.8-3.1(5H,m), 1.49(9H,s).

A mixture of 0.65 g (1.61 mmol) of the compound [5] with 6.5 ml trifluoroacetic acid is stirred for 0.5 hour at room temperature. The reaction mixture is treated in the same manner as in Example 56 and the product is recrystallized from benzene to give 0.34 g of the titled compound [6], yield 60.7 %, mp. 121-124°C.

Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_2\text{S}$

: C 44.84 H 3.18, Cl 20.36, N 4.02, S 9.21.

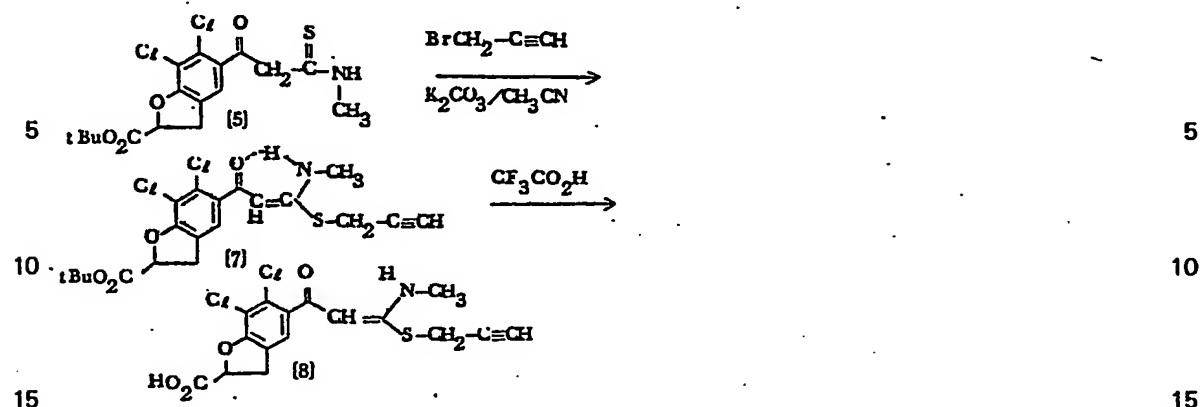
Found (%): C 44.92, H 3.29, Cl 20.14, N 4.10, S 8.96.

IR:  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ (Nujol) 3240, 3400-2400(br), 1725, 1615, 1535  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (DMSO  $d_6$ ) [a mixture of the keto-form and enol(thiol)-form (1/2)]: 14.3(2/3H,br), 10.2-9.83(1H,br), 7.4-7.66(1H), 5.82(2/3H,s), 4.30(2/3H,s), 4.0-3.20(2H,m), 3.0(3H,d).

**Example 68**

Preparation of 6,7-dichloro-5-(3-methylamino-3-propargylthio-2-propenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylic acid [8]



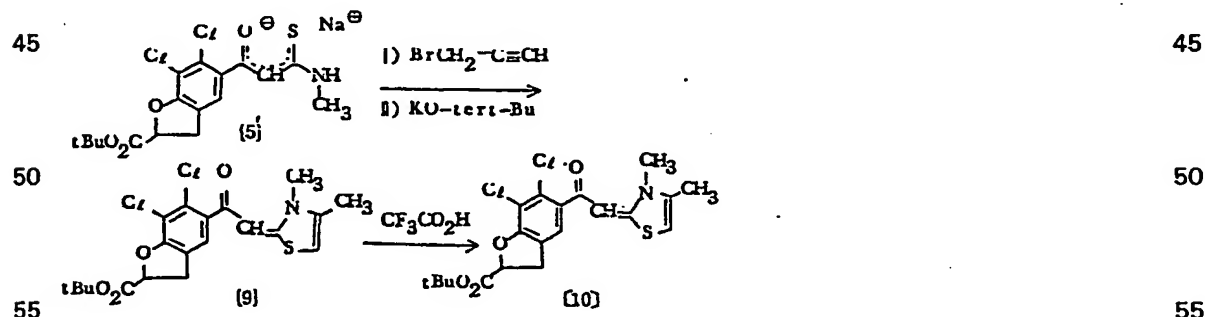
A mixture of 0.3 g (0.74 mmol) of the compound [5] prepared in Example 67, 0.097 g (0.82 mmol) of propargyl bromide, 150 mg of dry potassium carbonate powder and 6 ml of dry acetonitrile is stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The reaction mixture is concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue is extracted with ether. The organic layer is washed with water, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and evaporated. The residue is purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give 0.30 g of the titled compound tert-butyl ester [7] as a resinous product, yield 91.6%.

IR:  $\nu_{\text{max}}(\text{CHCl}_3)$  3320(acetylenic hydrogen), 1748, 1573  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  
NMR  $\delta_{\text{ppm}}(\text{CDCl}_3)$ : 11.45(1H,br), 7.20(1H), 5.44(1H,s), 3.64(2H,d), 3.8–3.2(2H,m), 3.06(3H,d), 2.32(1H,m), 1.48(9H, s).

Subsequently, 0.61 g (1.38 mmol) of the compound [7] is allowed to react in the same manner as in Example 55 Step-2, and worked up and is recrystallized from ethanol to give 0.37 g of the titled compound, yield 69.5 %, mp. 180–183°C (dec.).

Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_4\text{NS}$   
: C 49.75 H 3.39, Cl 18.36, N 3.63, S 8.30,  
Found (%): C 49.50, H 3.58, Cl 18.51, N 3.57, S 8.15.  
IR:  $\nu_{\text{max}}(\text{Nujol})$  3260(acetylenic hydrogen), 2500–(br)–1950(br), 1725, 1572  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  
NMR  $\delta_{\text{ppm}}(\text{DMSO}-d_6)$ : 11.16(1H,br), 7.30(1H,sbr), 5.40–5.42(2H,s,d-d), 3.90(2H,d), 3.70–3.20(3H,m), 2.99(3H,d).

**Example 69**  
Preparation of 6,7-dichloro-5-[(3,4-dimethyl-4-thiazolin-2-yliden)acetyl]-2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid [10]



In the same manner as in Example 67, a mixture of 0.993 g (3 mmol) of the compound [1], 0.12 g (3 mmol) of 60% oily sodium hydride and 0.263 g (3.6 mmol) of methyl isothiocyanate in DMA-THF (1/3) is allowed to react at 5–10°C for 2 hours. To the resulting sodium salt [5] is added 0.29 ml (3.6 mmol) of propargyl bromide. The mixture is allowed to react at 10°C to room temperature for 3 hours, then, 0.07 g (0.6 mmol) of tert-butoxide is added thereto, and the resulting mixture is allowed to react at room temperature overnight. Saturated ammonium chloride solution is added and the mixture is extracted with ether. The ether extract is purified by column chromatography on silica gel and crystallized from a small amount of ether to give 0.50 g of the compound [9], yield 37.7%, mp. 152–153°C.

IR:  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 1750, 1604, 1563, 1482  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

NMR  $\delta_{\text{ppm}}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 7.33(1H, s-like), 6.18(1H, s-like), 6.04(1H, s), 5.20(1H, d-d), 3.8–3.20+3.46(s)(6H), 2.26(3H, s), 1.49(3H, s).

In the same manner as in Example 55 (Step-2), 0.8 g of the compound [9] is allowed to react and worked up, and the product is recrystallized from DMF-ethanol to give 0.6 g of the titled compound, yield 85.9%, mp. 277–279°C (dec.).

Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_4\text{NS}$

: C 49.75, H 3.39, Cl 18.36, N 3.63, S 8.30,

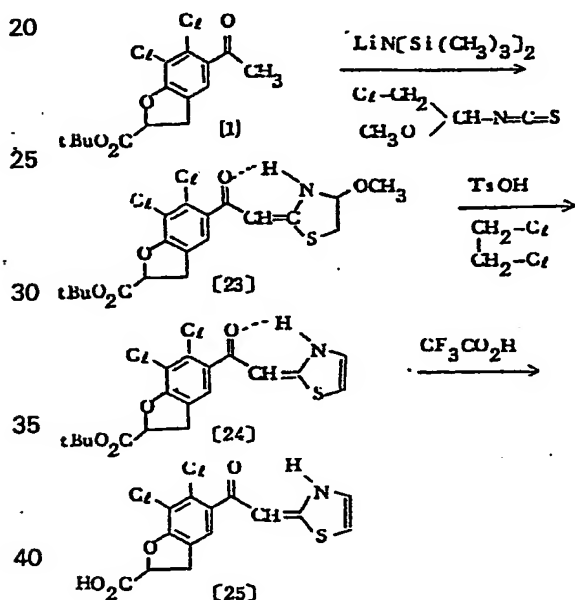
Found (%): C 49.51, H 3.61, Cl 18.09, N 3.78, S 8.04.

IR:  $\nu_{\max}$  (Nujol) 3120, -2480(br), 1740(br), 1663, 1513  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

NMR  $\delta_{\text{ppm}}$  ( $\text{DMSO}, d-6$ ): 6.00(1H, s), 5.44(1H, d-d), 3.85–3.3(5H, m+s), 2.26(3H, s).

#### Example 70

Preparation of 6,7-dichloro-5-[(4-thiazolin-2-ylidene)acetyl]-2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid [25]



A solution of 1.99 g (6 mmol) of the compound [1] in 6 ml of dry tetrahydrofuran (hereinafter abbreviated to as THF) is added to a solution of hexamethyl disilazane lithiumamine prepared from 1.3 ml (6.3 mmol) of hexamethyl disilazane and 4.2 ml (6.3 mmol) of a hexane solution of n-butyl lithium (1.5 N) at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ . The mixture is allowed to react at  $-70$  to  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  for 0.5 hour and a solution of 1.0 g (6.6 mmol) of 2-chloro-1-methoxy ethyl isothiocyanate [22]\* in 2 ml of THF is added thereto. The temperature of the reaction mixture is raised slowly and kept at  $5-7^\circ\text{C}$  for 3 hours, further at  $10-15^\circ\text{C}$  for 2 hours, and then, an ammonium chloride solution is added thereto. The resulting mixture is extracted with ether and the organic layer is washed with a saturated sodium chloride solution, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and evaporated at below  $0^\circ\text{C}$  under reduced pressure. The residue is chromatographed on silica gel to give a mixture of the compound [23] and the starting material. The mixture is dissolved in 10 parts by volume of dichloromethane and 50 mg of anhydrous p-toluenesulfonic acid (hereinafter abbreviated to as p-TsOH) is added thereto. The mixture is heated under refluxing for 10 minutes, then, after cooling, washed with sodium dicarbonate, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue is purified by chromatography on silica gel to give 0.85 g (42%) of the starting material and 0.78 g of the objected compound [24], yield 31.3%.

IR:  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 1750–1700(br), 1630, 1607  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

NMR  $\delta_{\text{ppm}}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 7.72(d), 7.66(d), 7.4–7.23(m), 7.07(d), (total 3H) 6.10(s), 4.68(s) 5.2(1H, m) 3.8–3.2(2H, m) 1.50(9H, s) [NMR spectra indicated that the product was a mixture of thiazolin-form and thiazol-form in a solution.]

In the same manner as in Example 55 Sept-2, 0.75 g of the compound [24] is allowed to react and treated to give 0.60 g of the titled compound. Crystallized from acetone, and subsequent recrystallization from ethanol gave 0.3 g of the crystals, yield 46.3%, (yield from [1] 14.5%), mp. 214–216°C.

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Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $C_{14}H_{19}Cl_2NO_4S$   
: C 46.94 H 2.53, Cl 19.80, N 3.91, S 8.95.

**Found (%)**: C 46.85, H 2.70, Cl 19.95, N 3.96, S 8.87.

IR:  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (Nujol) 2800–2000, 2000–1800, 1715, 1683  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

10 NMR  $\delta$ ppm (DMSO d-6): 7.8–7.1(3H,m) 6.13(s,0.75H) 5.45(1H, m), 4.75(0.5H,br), 3.85–3.2(2H,m). [a mixture of 75% thiazolin-form and 25% thiazol-form]

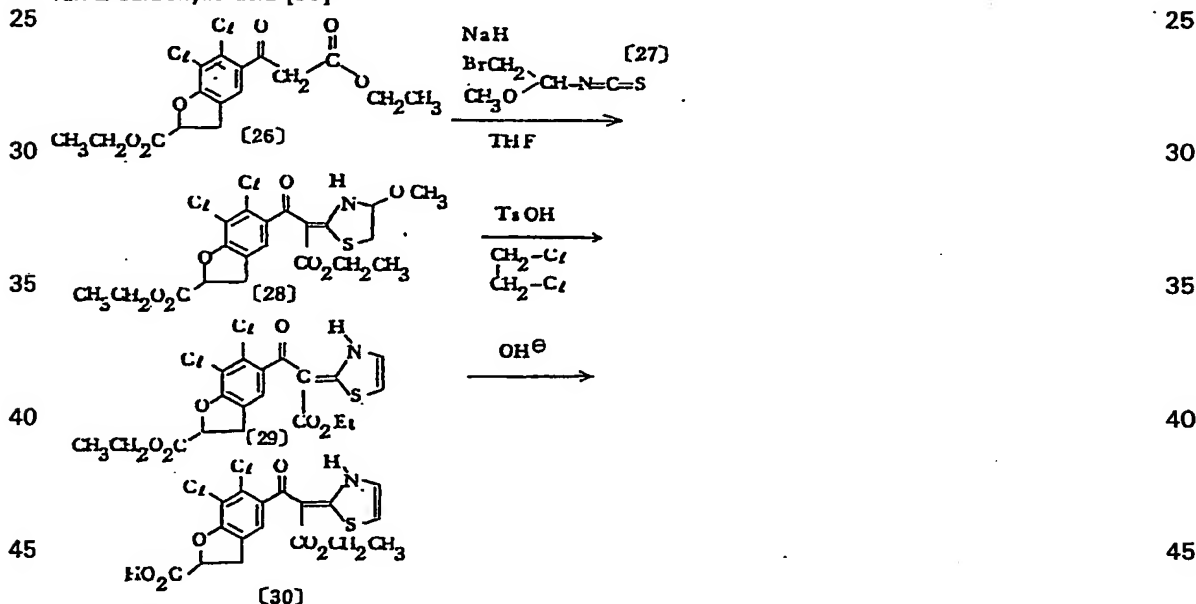
\* The compound [22] can be synthesized as follows.

A mixture of 4 g (32 mmol) of chlorodimethylacetal and 4.4 g (16.8 mmol) of silicon tetraisothiocyanate  $[\text{Si}(\text{NCS})_4]$  is allowed to react at 80–85°C for 6 hours. The reaction mixture is poured into ice and extracted with ether. The ether layer is washed with a sodium dicarbonate solution, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue is distilled to give 4.34 g of the compound [22], yield 90.5%, bp. 92–93°C (28 mmHg).

20 IR:  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (CCl<sub>4</sub>) 2000(br) cm<sup>-1</sup> (N=C=S) cm<sup>-1</sup>. 20

### Example 71

**Preparation of 6,7-dichloro-5-[2-(4-thiazolin-2-ylidene)-2-(carbethoxy)acetyl]-2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid [30]**



A solution of 1.0 g (2.67 mmol) of the compound [26] in 3 ml of a mixture of dimethylacetamide (hereinafter abbreviated to as DMA) and THF (1/3) is added to a solution of 0.107 g (2.67 mmol) of 60% oily sodium hydride in 1 ml of DMA-THF (1/3) at 5–7°C in nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture is stirred for 15 minutes, and 0.575 g (2.95 mmol) of the compound [27] is added thereto at –30°C. The mixture is kept at 0–10°C for 3 hours, then at 5°C overnight, and then at 20–25°C for 3 hours. The reaction mixture is worked up in the same manner as in Example 70 to give 0.86 g of the compound [28], yield 65.6%. Further, this is treated with p-TsOH in the same manner as in Example 70 to give 0.773 g of the compound [29], yield 96.3% (yield from the compound [26], 63%)

IR:  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 3280(bs), 1755, 1738, 1645(br), 1610, 1561, 1540  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): [15.5(br)+13.3(br)](1H), 7.4(1H,br), 7.0(2H,br+s), 5.30(1H, d-d), 4.4–60 3.2(6H,m), 1.30(3H,t), 0.86(3H,t).

The compound [29] is hydrolyzed with NaOH to give 0.4 g of the titled compound [30], yield 58.5%. This is recrystallized from acetone to give crystals having mp. 212–215°C.

Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $C_{17}H_{13}Cl_2NO_6S$

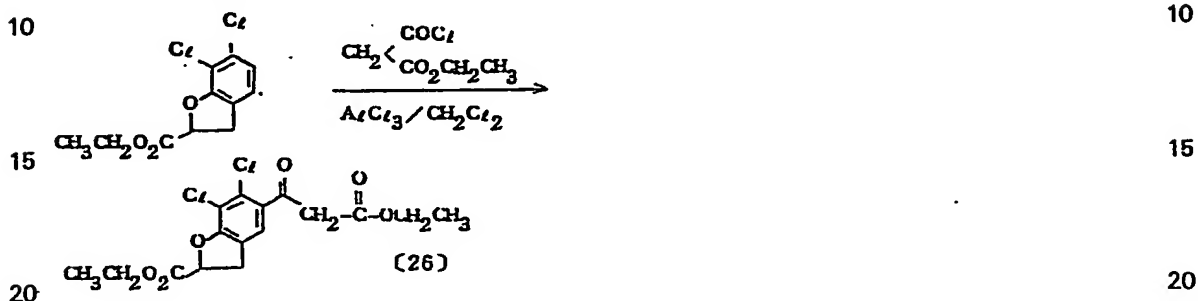
: C 47.46 H 3.05, Cl 16.48, N 3.25, S 7.45,

Found (%): C 47.47, H 3.33, Cl 16.34, N 3.22, S 7.18.

5 IR:  $\nu_{\max}$  (Nujol) 3150, 3120, 1727, 1644  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (DMSO  $d_6$ ): 13.7(1H,br), 7.16(1H,d), 7.28(1H,d), 7.04(1H,s-like), 5.40 (1H,d-d), 3.9–3.15(5H,m), 0.73(3H,t).

○ The starting compound [26] is synthesized as follows.



A mixture of 2.6 g (10 mmol) of ethyl 6,7-dichloro-2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-2-carboxylate, 1.96 g (13 mmol) of ethylmalonyl chloride, 4.8 g (36 mmol) of anhydrous aluminium chloride and 30 ml of dry dichloromethane is allowed to react at room temperature overnight and then poured into water. The resulting mixture is extracted with dichloromethane, and the organic layer is washed with water, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue is chromatographed on silica gel to give 0.75 g of the objected compound [26], yield 20% and 0.81 g of the starting material (31%).

30 IR:  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{CCl}_4$ ) 1765, 1743, 1650–1628(br), 1610  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

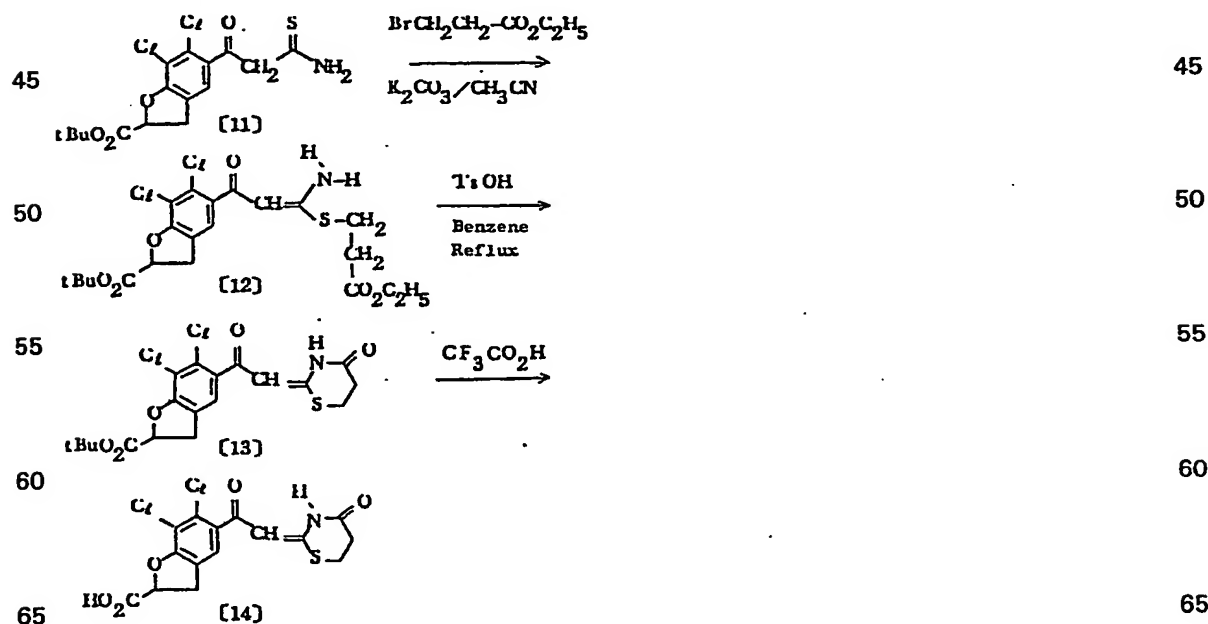
NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 7.40(1H,s-like), 5.45(0.5H,s), 5.3(1H,m), 4.9–3.25(7H,m), 1.4–1.15(12H,s,t), [a mixture of keto-enol forms (1/1)].

Further the reagent [27] can be synthesized from bromodimethylacetal in the same manner as the compound [22] mentioned in Example 70, yield 85%, bp. 86–86°C (10 mmHg).

IR:  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{CCH}_4$ ) 2000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (br) ( $\text{N}=\text{C}=\text{S}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

#### Example 72

40 Production of 6,7-dichloro-5-[(4-oxo-perhydro-1,3-thiazin-2-ylidene)acetyl]-2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid [14]



## STEP 1

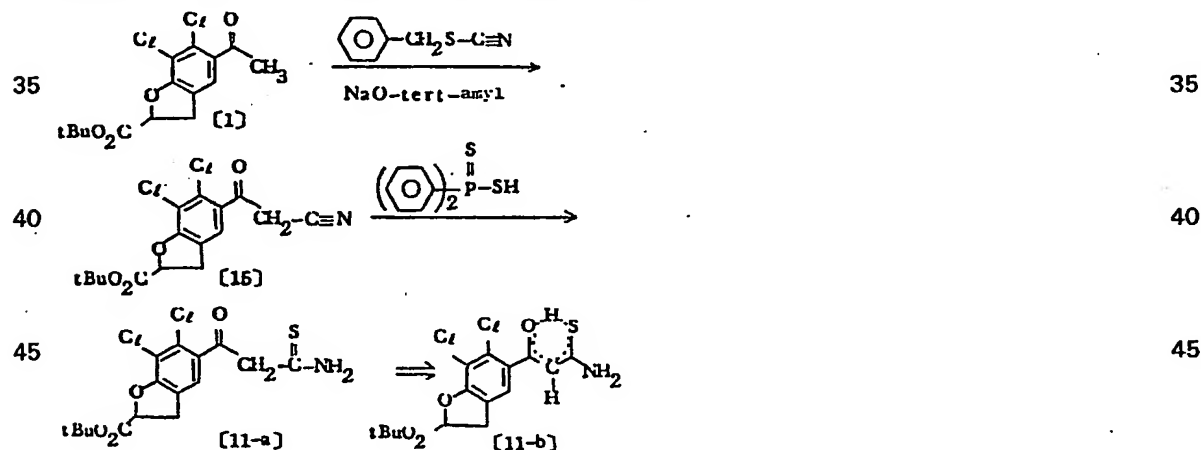
- A mixture of 0.39 g (1mmol) of t-butyl 6,7-dichloro-5-[(thiocarbamoyl)acetyl]-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate, 0.21 g (1.2 mmol) of ethyl bromopropionate, 0.21 g (1.5 mmol) of powdery anhydrous potassium carbonate, 0.017 g (0.1 mmol) of potassium iodide, and 3 ml of dry acetonitrile is allowed to react at room temperature for 5 hours and concentrated in vacuo. The crude residue is extracted with methylene chloride, and the material soluble in the methylene chloride is purified by silica gel chromatography to give the compound [12] as an oily product. For the purpose of cyclization, this is dissolved in 10 ml dry benzene containing 0.009 g (0.05 mmol) of toluenesulfonic acid (anhydrous) and refluxed azeotropically under heating for an hour in a vessel equipped with a water-separator in which 3A-Molecular sieves are placed. The reaction mixture is washed with an aqueous solution of sodium hydrogencarbonate, concentrated in vacuo, and purified by silica gel chromatography to give 0.32 g (yield 72%) of the compound [13].
- IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ): 1741, 1701, 1583, 1545  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .
- <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 12.55 (1H, br), 7.23 (1H, s), 5.87 (1H, s), 5.22 (1H, d-d), 3.8–2.8 (6H, m), 1.48 (9H, s).

## STEP 2

- A mixture of 0.3 g of the compound [13] and 3 ml of trifluoroacetic acid is stirred at room temperature for 1 hour and then treated in the same manner as in STEP 2 of Example 55 to give 0.235 g (yield 92.5%) of the titled compound [14], which is recrystallized from ethanol to give crystals, m.p. 226–228°C.

- Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_5\text{NS}$ : C, 46.41; H, 2.86; Cl, 18.26; N, 3.61; S, 8.26. Found (%): C, 46.19; H, 3.02; Cl, 18.32; N, 3.52; S, 8.12.
- IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (Nujol): 3300–2300 (br), 1747, 1642, 1595, 1561  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .
- <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ): 12.45 (br) + 11.02 (1H, keto+enol), 7.4+7.26 (1H, s), 0.63+0.6 (1H, s), 5.45 (1H, m), 3.8–2.8 (6H, m).

- The starting material, t-butyl-6,7-dichloro-5-[(thiocarbamoyl)acetyl]-2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-2-carboxylate [11] can be produced in the following manner.



- A solution of 3.03 g (10 mmol) of t-butyl 6,7-dichloro-5-acetyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate [1] in 5 ml of benzene is added under ice-cooling to a solution of sodium tert-amylate which is prepared by refluxing 0.48 g (12 mmol) of 60% oily sodium hydride, 1.06 g (12 mmol) of tert-amyl alcohol, and 25 ml of dry benzene, and the mixture is stirred for 0.5 hour. A solution of 2.24 g (15 mmol) of benzyl thiocyanate in 10 ml of benzene is added thereto under ice-cooling. The reaction mixture is allowed to react at room temperature overnight, to which an aqueous solution of ammonium chloride is then added. The benzene layer is separated, washed with water, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and concentrated in vacuo to give a residue, which is purified by silica gel chromatography to give 1.08 g (yield 30.3%) of the compound [15]. This is recrystallized from a small amount of isopropyl ether to give crystals, m.p. 73–74°C.

IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ): 2260 (CN), 1750, 1700, 1605  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

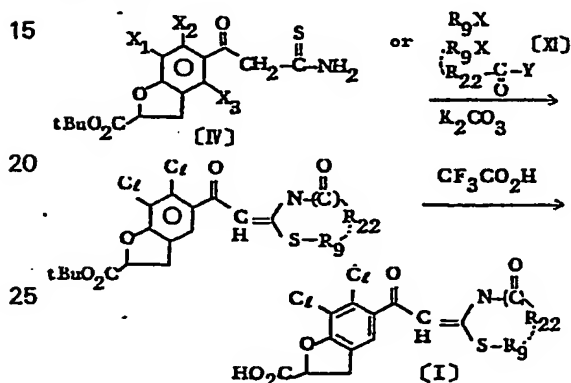
<sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 7.46 (1H, s), 5.30 (1H, d-d), 4.17 (2H, s), 3.85–3.24 (2H, m), 1.50 (9H, s).

A mixture of 1.21 g (3.39 mmol) of the compound [15] with 1.87 g (7.46 mmol) of diphenyldithiosulfonic acid (prepared from benzene and phosphorus pentasulfide in the same manner as in W. A. Higgins *et al.*, J. Am. Chem. Soc., 77, 1867 (1955)) and 50 ml of isopropanol is allowed to react at 40°C overnight. The precipitating crystals are removed by filtration under ice-cooling and the filtrate is concentrated in vacuo to give a residue, which is purified by silica gel chromatography to give 1.1 g (yield 83.1 %) of resinous objective compound [11] (the compound is in a mixture of keto- and enol-form in a solution.).

IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3560, 3500, 3385, 2540, 1748, 1603 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): [enol-form: 14.54 (s), 6.70 (br), 5.76 (s)], [keto-form: 8.45, 7.8 (bs), 4.39 (s)], 7.27 (1H, m), 5.76 (1H, m), 3.8–3.2 (2H, m), 1.49 (9H, s).

#### Example 73–77

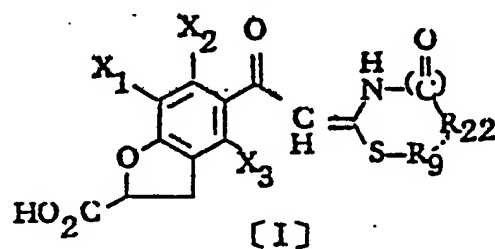


A solution of the compounds (IV) and (XI) dissolved in acetonitrile is allowed to react in the presence of anhydrous potassium carbonate. After filtration, the filtrate is concentrated in vacuo to give a residue, which is purified by silical gel chromatography. In Example 77, the reaction is carried out in benzene under refluxing in the presence of a catalytic amount of p-toluenesulfonic acid, and the reaction product is washed with sodium hydrogencarbonate, concentrated in vacuo, and then worked up in the same manner as above. The obtained compound (II) is allowed to react with a ten-fold amount of trifluoroacetic acid at room temperature for an hour, the mixture is concentrated in vacuo to give a residue, which is recrystallized from ether to give the objective compound (I).

This may be purified by recrystallization, if necessary.

Examples are more specifically explained in Table 6 (Nos. 1–4).

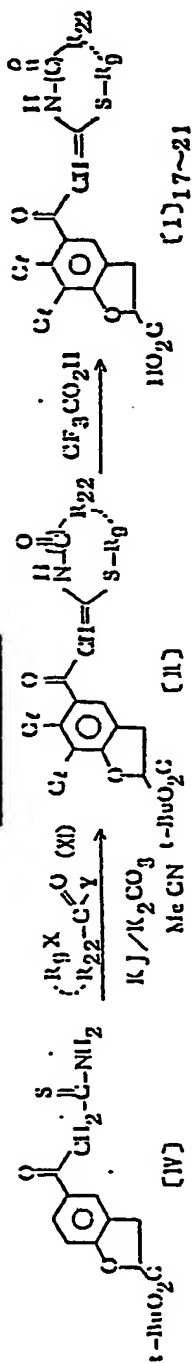
Table 6 ( No. 1 )



Example Nos.	X <sub>1</sub> ~X <sub>3</sub>		Yield (%) from (IV)
73	6,7-di-chloro		72.3
74	"		38.9
75	"		44.2
76	"		31.5
77	"		46.3



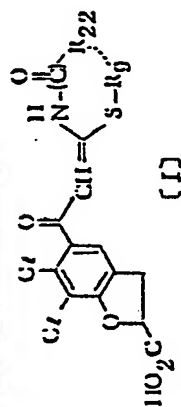
Table (No. 2)



Example Nos.	Amount Used (IV)	(X)	$\rho$ (mmol.) $\frac{R_9X}{R_{22}-C=O}$	$K_2CO_3$	Reaction Temp. Time (hr)	(II) Yield (%)	(I) Yield (%)
73	0.16 (0.41)	$CH_3J$	0.07 (0.5)	0.005 (0.02)	3 ml rt 1.0	96.4	75.0
74		$CH_3J$ (0.07) $CH_3COCl$ 0.32 (4.1)	(0.5) (4.1)	0.85 (6.2)	3 ml rt 10	66.7	58.3
75	0.14 (1.025)	$HrCH_2COOMe$	0.100 (1.23)	0.212 (1.54)	3 ml rt 3	88.4	50.0
76	0.50 (1.28)	$CH_3$ $Hr-CH_2COOC_2H_5$	0.28 (1.54)	0.265 (1.92)	4 ml rt 2	92.0	94.2
77	0.60 (1.54)	$CH_3$ $Hr-CH_2-CH_2-CO_2C_2H_5$	0.36 (1.85) -a	0.32 (0.23) 0.0065 g/hexane 12 ml refluxed for 1.5 hours	5 ml rt 10	84.2	55.0

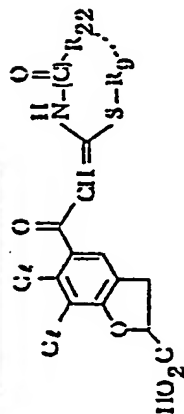
-a) which is prepared according to the method disclosed in Pickard, JACS 69 14 (1947)

Table 6 ( No. 3 )



Exmple Nos.	Recrystal from	m.p. (°C)	Molecular Formula	Elementary Analysis									
				Calcd.					Found				
				C	H	Cl	N	S	C	H	Cl	N	S
73	ethanol	254~257(d)	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>17</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> S	44.84	3.18	20.36	4.02	9.21	44.07	3.26	20.19	3.97	9.09
74	ethanol	217~220(d)	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>5</sub> S	46.17	3.36	18.17	3.59	8.21	46.01	3.49	18.14	3.61	8.07
75	ethanol	242~258(d)	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>19</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>5</sub> S	44.94	2.42	18.95	3.74	8.57	44.83	2.58	19.18	3.66	8.47
76	ethyl acetate	202~206	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>11</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>5</sub> S	46.41	2.80	18.26	3.61	8.26	46.18	2.98	18.11	3.66	8.14
77	ethanol	213~217	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>5</sub> S	47.78	3.26	17.93	3.48	7.97	47.50	3.25	17.50	3.46	7.48

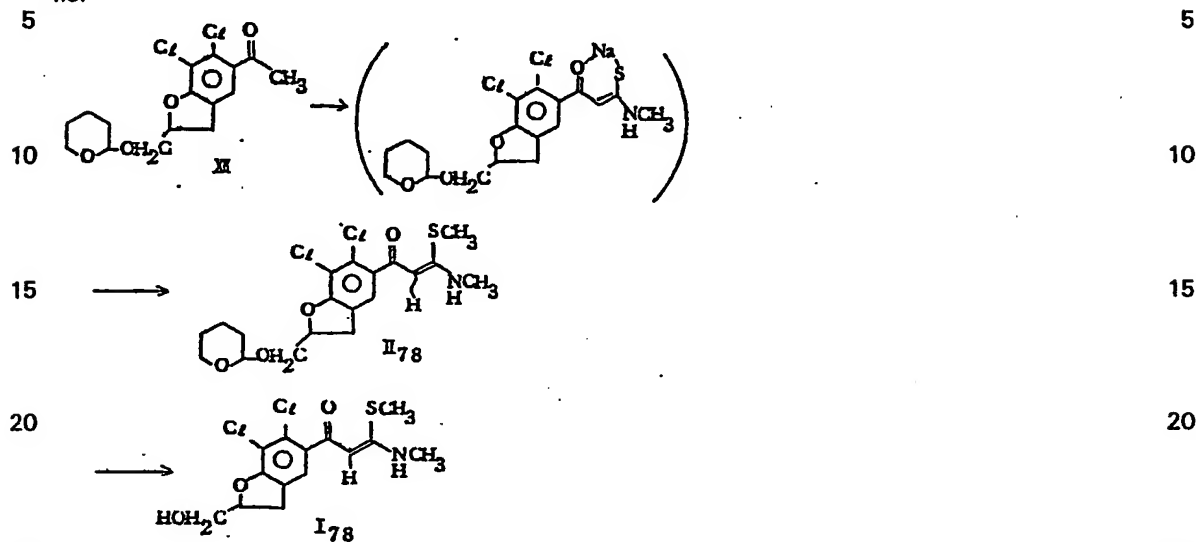
Table 6 ( No. 4 )



Example Nos.	IR ( $\nu$ Nujol $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	NMR ( $\delta$ DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> )
73	3410, 3240, 1900 (br), 1730, 1596, 1494	1.0~7.6 (2H, br) 7.26 (1H, s) 5.42 (1H, d-d) 5.23 (1H, s) 3.0~3.2 (2H, m) 2.40 (3H, s)
74	3000~2000 (br), 1748, 1065, 1565 (br)	1.330 (1H, s (br)) 7.46 (1H, s) 5.76 (1H, s) 5.45 (1H, d-d) 3.8~3.25 (2H, m) 2.35 (3H, s) 2.20 (3H, s)
75	3120, 3080, 1750, 1690, 1623, 1601, 1610	1.105 (1H, br) 7.32 (1H, s) 6.33 (1H, s) 5.45 (1H, d-d) 3.80~3.20 (4H, s+m)
76	3280, 1730, 1630, 1620, 1570, 1525	(%) d-6, not found 10.5 (1H, br) 7.39+7.33 (1H, s) 6.50+6.04 (1H, s) 5.48 (1H, d-d) 4.3~3.25 (3H, m) 1.55 (3H, d)
77	3300~2300 (br), 1755, 1720, 1561, 1515	1.240+1.10 (1H, br) 7.40+7.27 (1H, s) 6.30+5.86 (1H, s) 5.46 (1H, m) 3.85~2.70 (5H, m) 1.2 (m, 3H)

## Example 78

6,7-Dichloro-5-[3-methylamino-3-(methylthio)-2-propenoyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-yl-methanol



A mixture of 1.0 g (2.9 mmol) of the compound X II (Example 44) and 0.112 g (3.0 mmol) of 65% sodium hydride is allowed to react for 2/3 hour in 5 ml of N,N-dimethylformamide while being stirred under nitrogen atmosphere, then combined with 0.233 g (3.2 mmol) of methyl isothiocyanate, and reacted for 2 hours. To the mixture is added 0.5 g (3.5 mmol) of methyl iodide, and reacted for further 14 hours. The reaction product is treated with n-hexane to give crude crystals, which are recrystallized from ethyl acetate to give 0.42 g (yield 33.6%) of pale yellow crystals, m.p. 176–177°C.

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.63 (6H, br), 2.38 (3H, s), 2.95–4.13 (9H, m), 4.65 (1H, br), 4.83–5.40 (1H, m), 7.10 (1H), 11.38 (1H, br).

A mixture of 0.42 g (1.0 mmol) of the compound II<sub>78</sub> with 5 ml of trifluoroacetic acid is allowed to react at room temperature for 0.5 hour. The reaction product is chromatographed on a Lober column with an ethyl acetate/dichloromethane mixture (95:5) as eluent to give 0.24 g (yield 70.8%) of the compound I<sub>78</sub>, m.p. 170–173°C. This is recrystallized from ethyl acetate to give 0.185 g (yield 54.6%) of pale yellowish crystals, m.p. 170–173°C

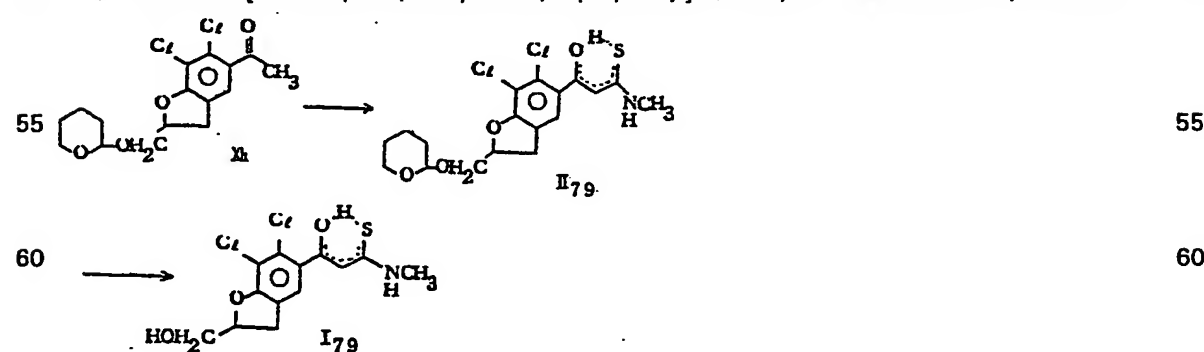
Anal. Calcd. (%) for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 48.28; H, 4.34; Cl, 20.36; N, 4.02; S, 9.21. Found (%): C, 48.09; H, 4.34; Cl, 20.09; N, 4.16; S, 8.92.

IR  $\nu$ max (Nujol): 3350, 3140, 1602, 1565 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (DMSO, d-6): 2.42 (s), 2.73–3.43 (5H, m), 3.50–3.82 (2H, m), 4.73–5.17 (2H, m), 5.22 (1H, s), 7.25 (1H), 11.2 (1H, br).

## Example 79

6,7-Dichloro-5-[3-mercapt-3-(methylamino)-2-propenoyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-yl-methanol



The same procedure as in Example 78 is applied to this example, using 0.5 g (1.4 mmol) of

the compound X II (Example 44), 0.056 g (1.5 mmol) of 65% sodium hydride, 0.116g (1.6 mmol) of methyl isothiocyanate, and 4 ml of N,N-dimethylformamide. Then the reaction product is chromatographed on a Lober column (type B) with an ethyl acetate/dichloromethane mixture (3:97) as an eluent to give 0.26 g (yield 42.9%) of the compound II<sub>79</sub>.

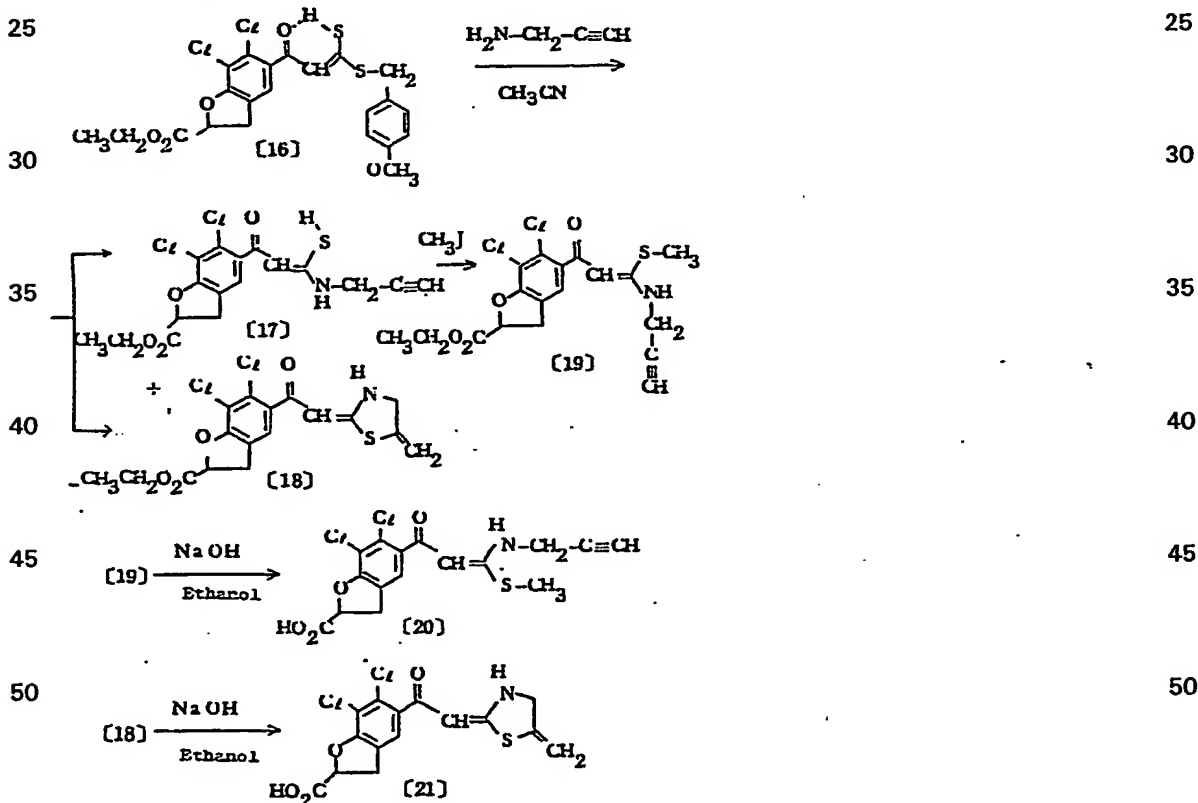
NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.58 (6H, br), 3.07–4.15 (9H, m), 4.60 (1H, br), 4.83–5.33 (1H, m), 4.35 (1H, s), 7.15 (1H).

The product which is prepared by treating 0.25 g (0.6 mmol) of the compound II<sub>79</sub> in the same manner as in Example 79 is crystallized from ether to give the compound I<sub>79</sub>, m.p. 121–125°C. This is recrystallized from ether to give 0.022 g (yield 2.9%) of pale yellowish crystals, m.p. 126–127°C.

Anal. Calcd. (%) for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S 1/3(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O: C, 47.96; H, 4.59; Cl, 19.75; N, 3.90; S, 8.93. Found (%): C, 48.17; H, 4.37; Cl, 19.66; N, 3.85; S, 8.64. IR  $\nu$ max (Nujol): 3590, 3245, 3360, 1616, 1606 cm<sup>-1</sup>. NMR  $\delta$ ppm (Me<sub>2</sub>CO, d-6): 1.13 (t), 2.08 (1H, br), 2.67–3.50 (5H, m), 3.63–4.20 (2H, m), 4.70–5.30 (1H, m), 5.77 (1H, s), 7.22 (1H).

#### Example 80

Production of 6,7-dichloro-5-[3-(methylthio)-3-propargylamino-2-propenoyl]-2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid and 6,7-dichloro-5-[5-methylene-thiazolidin-2-ylidene]acetyl-2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid [21]



A solution of 0.93 g (1.86 mmol) of ethyl 6,7-dichloro-5-[3-(4-methoxybenzylthio)-3-mercaptoprop-2-en-1-yl]-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate [16] (see, Example 35) and 0.113 g (2.05 mmol) of propargylamine dissolved in 2.3 ml of dry acetonitrile is allowed to react at room temperature overnight. The compound [18] precipitated as crystals are collected by filtration and washed with a small amount of ether to give 0.195 g of the compound [18], m.p. 135–136°C. The filtrate and the ether layer are combined and concentrated in vacuo to give a residue, to which 0.35 g of powdery anhydrous potassium carbonate, 0.317 g of methyl iodide, and 5 ml of dry acetonitrile are added, and the mixture is reacted at room temperature for 2 hours. The reaction mixture is concentrated in vacuo, and the residue extracted with dichloromethane, and

purified by silica gel chromatography to give 0.105 g (total yield 0.3 g: 40.3%) of the compound [18] and 0.08 g (yield 10.7%) of the compound [19], m.p. 151–154°C.

IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ): 3310 (–CCH), 1753, 1735, 1608, 1550 ( $\text{br}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

- 5 NMR  $\delta_{\text{ppm}}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 11.50 (1H, br), 7.22 (1H, s-like), 5.34, 5.30 (2H, s, d-d), 4.27, 4.18 (4H, q+m), 3.8–3.25 (2H, m), 2.42, 2.35 (4H, s+m), 1.30 (3H, t). 5

- A solution of 0.15 g of the compound [19] dissolved in 3 ml of a dichloroethane/ethanol (1:1) mixture is treated with 0.56 ml of 1N-sodium hydroxide for an hour for hydrolysis. The reaction mixture is concentrated in vacuo, neutralized with 1N-hydrochloric acid to precipitate crystals, which are collected by filtration and washed with a small amount of ethanol to give 0.08 g of the titled compound [20]. This is recrystallized from ethanol to give 0.07 g (yield 45.6%: 4.9% from [16]) of crystals, m.p. 202–204°C (dec.). 10

- 15 Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_4\text{S}$   $1/2\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$ : C, 48.93; H, 3.87; Cl, 16.99; N, 3.36; S, 7.68. Found (%): C, 49.15; H, 4.06; Cl, 16.76; N, 3.41; S, 7.66. 15

IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ): 3300, 3260, 1744, 1610( $\text{br}$ ), 1550( $\text{br}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

NMR  $\delta_{\text{ppm}}$  ( $\text{DMSO}$ , d-6): 11.27 (1H, t-br), 7.30 (1H, s), 5.5–5.27 (2H, s+d-d), 4.20 (2H, d-d), 3.8–3.2 (2H, m), 2.48–2.40 (4H, m+s).

- 20 On the other hand, the compound [18] is recrystallized from benzene to give crystals, m.p. 135–136°C. 20

- Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ : C, 51.01; H, 3.78; Cl, 17.71; N, 3.50; S, 8.01. Found (%): C, 50.81; H, 3.73; Cl, 17.93; N, 3.48; S, 8.29. 25

IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (Nujol): 3200 ( $\text{br}$ ), 1755, 1735, 1591, 1523  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

NMR  $\delta_{\text{ppm}}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 10.40 (1H, br), 7.20 (1H, s), 5.50 (1H, s), 5.4–5.2 (3H, m), 4.64 (2H, t-like), 4.26 (2H, q), 3.8–3.2 (2H, m), 1.29 (3H, t).

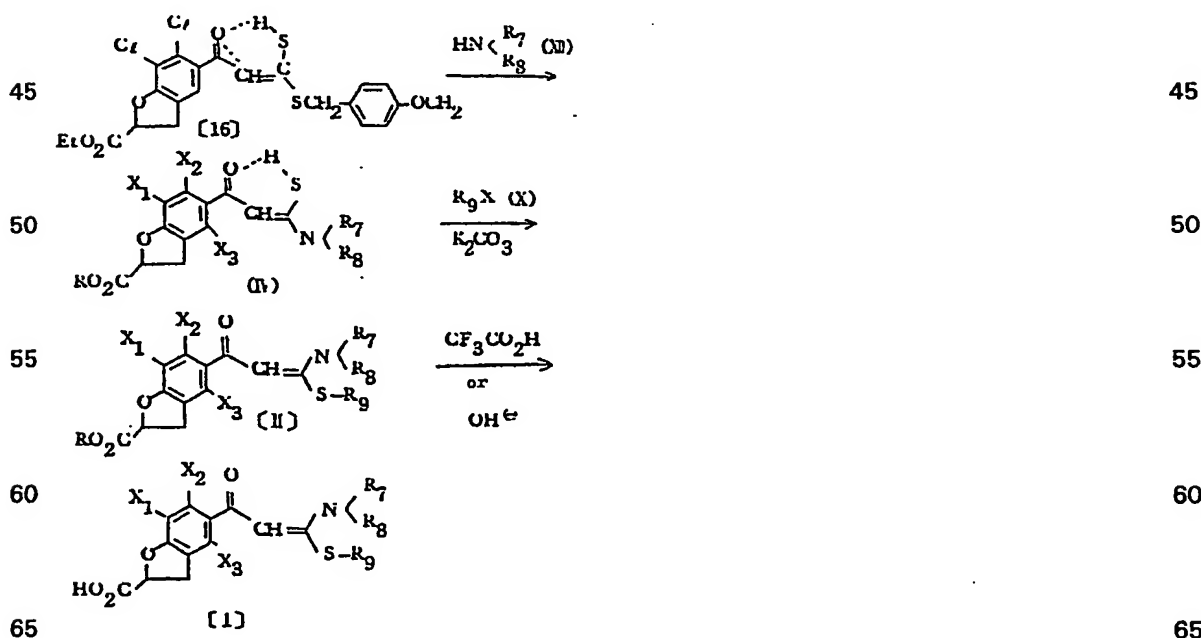
- 30 In the same manner as on the compound [19], 0.2 g of the compound [18] is hydrolyzed to give 0.137 g of the titled compound [21], m.p. 141–143°C. This is recrystallized from ethanol/water to give 0.095 g (yield 48.7%; 19.6% from [16]) of crystals, m.p. 145–147°C. 30

- Anal. Calcd. (%) for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_4\text{S}$   $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ : C, 46.16; H, 3.35; Cl, 18.17; N, 3.59; S, 8.21. Found (%): C, 46.36; H, 3.48; Cl, 18.38; N, 3.78; S, 8.27. 35

IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (Nujol): 3570, 3200, 3000–1800 ( $\text{br}$ ), 1715, 1590  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

NMR  $\delta_{\text{ppm}}$  ( $\text{DMSO}$  d-6) as a mixture of keto and enol forms: 8.75 ( $\text{br}$ ), 7.23 (1H, br), 5.76 (s), 5.5–5.25 (3H, m), 4.63 (m), 4.37 (2H, m), 3.85–3.2 (2H, m).

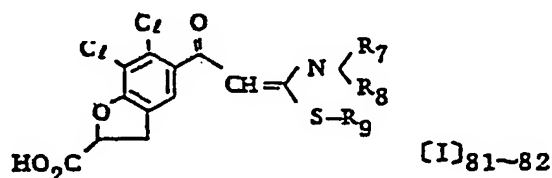
- 40 Example 81–82 40



The compound [16] are reacted with an amine (X II) at room temperature in acetonitrile. The reaction mixture is concentrated in vacuo, chromatographed on silica gel to give the compound (IV), to which 1.5 eq. of powdery potassium carbonate and 1.2 eq. of  $R_6X$  (X) are added, and the mixture is kept at room temperature in acetonitrile, then concentrated in vacuo to give a  
5 residue, which is purified by silica gel chromatography to give the compound (II). The compound (II) is hydrolyzed with sodium hydroxide and then neutralized with a dilute hydrochloric acid to precipitate the objective compound (I) as crystals, which is collected by filtration and purified by recrystallization.

Some examples carried out in the manner as mentioned above are shown in Table 7 (Nos.  
10 1-4).

Table 7 ( No. 1 )



Example Nos.	N $\begin{smallmatrix} R_7 \\ R_8 \end{smallmatrix}$	R <sub>9</sub>	Yield (%) from [16]
81	-N $\begin{smallmatrix} Me \\ Me \end{smallmatrix}$	CH <sub>3</sub>	18.1
82	-N $\begin{smallmatrix} H \\ CH_2-CH=CH-CH_3 \end{smallmatrix}$	CH <sub>3</sub>	27.3

Table 7 ( No. 2 )

Exa Nos	Amount Used g (mmol)	Reaction	Yield (%)	Reaction	Yield
	16 [XI]	Temp. Time	[IV] R <sub>9</sub> X	Temp. Time	(II)
81	0.51 (1.024) HN $\begin{smallmatrix} Me \\ Me \end{smallmatrix}$ 0.07 (1.54)	r.t. 18	39.0 CH <sub>3</sub> J	rt 2	~100
82	0.705 (1.41) H <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -CH=CH-CH <sub>3</sub> 0.12 (1.7)	13-25°C 20	58.7 CH <sub>3</sub> J	rt 2	95.6

Table 7 ( No. 3 )

Ex. No.	Yield (%)	[I] m.p. (°C)	Re-crystal from	Molecular formula	Anal. Calcd./Found
	[I]—[II]				C H Cl N S
81	46.5	230~ 232(d)	ethanol	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>15</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> S	47.88 4.02 18.85 3.72 8.52 47.64 4.02 18.81 3.69 8.21
82	48.7	213~ 216	ethanol	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>21</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> S	50.76 4.26 17.63 3.48 7.97 50.71 4.28 17.75 3.49 7.74

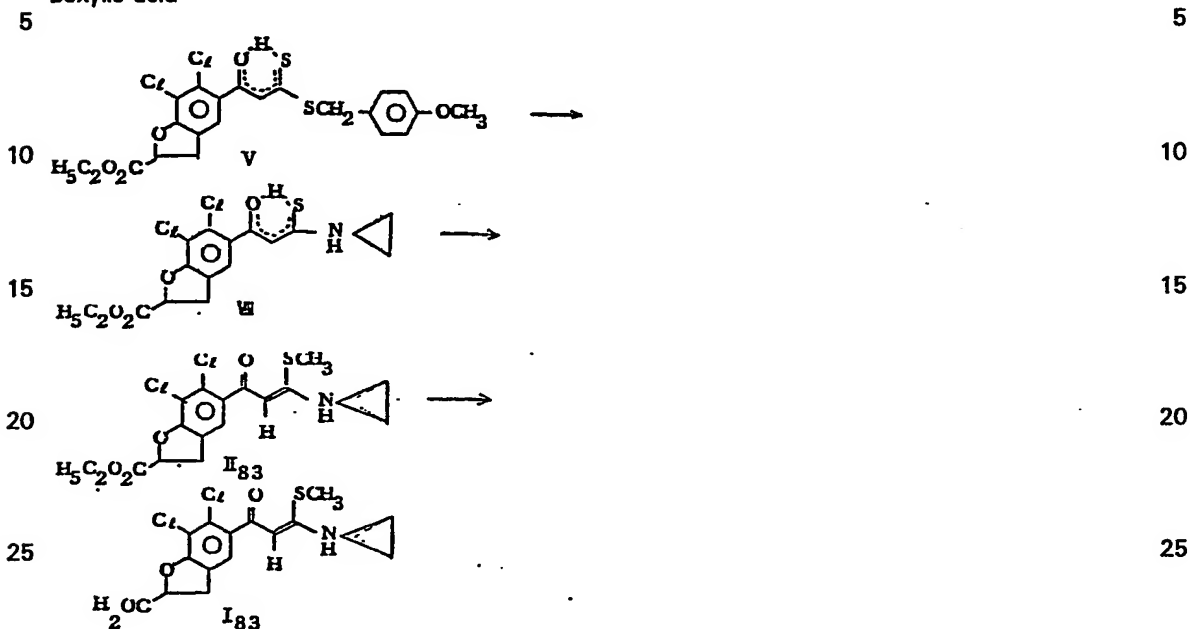
Table 7 ( No. 4 )

Exa. Nos.	IR (ν <sub>max</sub> Nujol cm <sup>-1</sup> )	NMR (δ DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> ppm)
81	~2500-(br) ~1900(br) 1730(br).1610.1560	7.22(1H,s) 5.40(1H,d-d) 5.14(1H,s) 3.8~3.1(8H,m+s) 2.40(3H,s)
82	3200~2100.2000~1800 1739.1610.1575.1564	11.35(1H,br) 7.30(1H,s) 5.8~5.22(4H,m) 3.9~3.2(4H,m) 2.40(3H,s) 1.67(3H,s)



## Example 83

6,7-Dichloro-5-[3-cyclopropylamino-3-(methylthio)-2-propenoyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid



To 0.39 g (0.8 mmol) of the compound V (Example 35) are added 0.134 g (2.3 mmol) of cyclopropylamine and 2 ml of acetonitrile, and the mixture is allowed to react for 5 hours while being stirred at room temperature. The reaction product is applied to high performance liquid chromatograph on Lober column (type B) with a benzene/ethyl acetate mixture (10:1) as an eluent to give 0.23 g (yield 73.0%) of the compound VIII as a pale yellow oil.

IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3430, 3330, 1750, 1770 (sh), 1610 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

A mixture of 0.26 g (0.6 mmol) of the compound VIII, 0.179 g (1.3 mmol) of dry powdery potassium carbonate, 0.14 g (1.0 mmol) of methyl iodide, and 4 ml of acetonitrile is reacted for an hour while being stirred at room temperature. The reaction product is subjected to liquid chromatography on a Lober column (type A) with a dichloromethane/ethyl acetate mixture (49:1) as an eluent to give 0.238 g (yield 88.5%) of the compound II<sub>83</sub> as a pale yellowish oil.

IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3420, 1745, 1760 (sh), 1608, 1575, 1540 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 0.60–1.07 (4H, m), 1.32 (3H, t), 2.37 (3H, s), 2.40 (1H, bro), 3.03–3.77 (2H, m), 4.25 (2H, q), 5.13–5.47 (2H, m), 7.13 (1H).

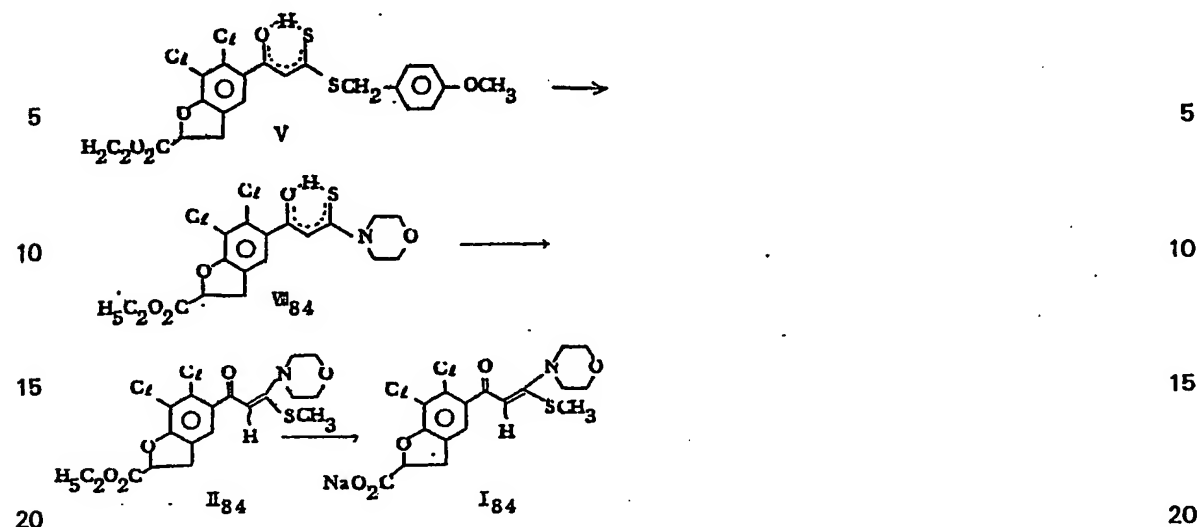
In the same manner as in the above-mentioned Example 0.230 g (0.6 mmol) of the compound II<sub>83</sub> is hydrolyzed to give 0.207 g (yield 96.3%) of the compound I<sub>83</sub>, m.p. 240–245°C (dec.). This is recrystallized from a acetone/ethyl acetate mixture to give 0.20 g (yield 93.0%) of grayish white crystals, m.p. 242–246°C (dec.).

Anal. Calcd. (%) for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: C, 49.44; H, 3.89; Cl, 18.26; N, 3.61; S, 8.26 Found (%): C, 49.26; H, 3.96; Cl, 18.15; N, 3.66; S, 8.20.

IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (Nujol): 3130, 2690, 2580, 2490, 1732, 1608 cm<sup>-1</sup>

## Example 84

6,7-Dichloro-5-[3-morpholino-3-(methylthio)-2-propenoyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid



In the same manner as in Example 83, 0.29 g (0.6 mmol) of the compound V (Example 35) and 3 ml of morpholine are treated to give 0.22 g (yield 84.6%) of the compound VIII<sub>84</sub> as an oil.

25 NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.30 (3H, t), 3.13–4.53 (12H, m), 4.67 (2/3H, s), 5.17–5.58 (1H, m), 5.88 (1/3H, s), 7.25, 7.50 (1H), 15.02 (2/3H, s).

In the same manner as in Example 83 are treated 0.22 g (0.5 mmol) of the compound VIII<sub>84</sub>, 0.136 g (1.0 mmol) of powdery potassium carbonate, 0.14 g (1.0 mmol) of methyl iodide, and 2.4 ml of acetonitrile to give 0.225 g (yield 86.5%) of the compound II<sub>84</sub> as an oil.

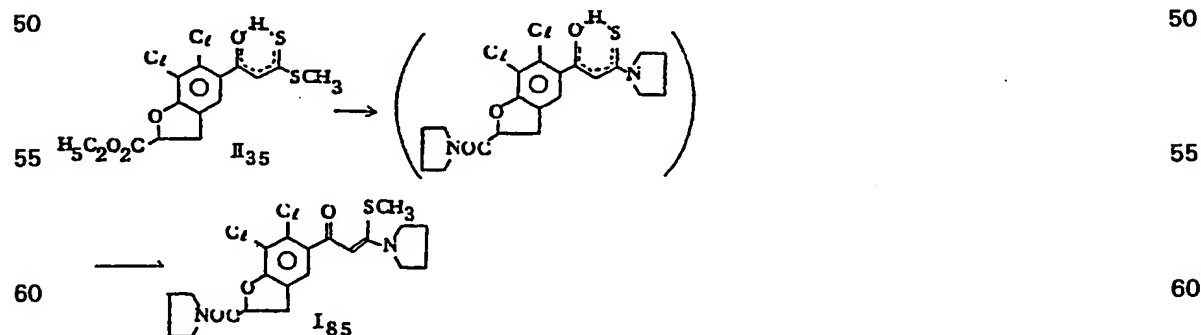
NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.30 (3H, t), 2.40 (3H, s), 3.10–3.93 (10H, m), 4.23 (2H, q), 5.12–5.45 (2H, m), 7.15 (1H).

35 In the same manner as in Example 83, 0.210 g (0.5 mmol) of the compound II<sub>84</sub> is hydrolyzed to give 0.150 g (yield 75.8%) of the compound I, m.p. 215–216°C (dec.). This is reacted with 13.86 mg of sodium hydroxide in 3.3 ml of water for 30 minutes, and insoluble substances are removed by filtration (twice). The filtrate is evaporated to dryness, then treated with ethyl acetate, and recrystallized from an ethanol/ethyl acetate mixture to give 0.140 g (yield 66.4%) of grayish white crystals, m.p. 230–232°C (dec.).

Anal. Calcd. (%) for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Na 1/2H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 45.44; H, 3.81; Cl, 15.78; N, 3.12; S, 7.13; H<sub>2</sub>O, 2.00. Found (%): C, 45.47; H, 3.84; Cl, 15.88; N, 3.19; S, 7.38; H<sub>2</sub>O, 2.12. IR  $\nu$ max (Nujol): 3300, 1621 (1615) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### Example 85

6,7-Dichloro-5-[3-(methylthio-3-pyrrolidino)-2-propenyl]-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-2-pyrrolidinamide



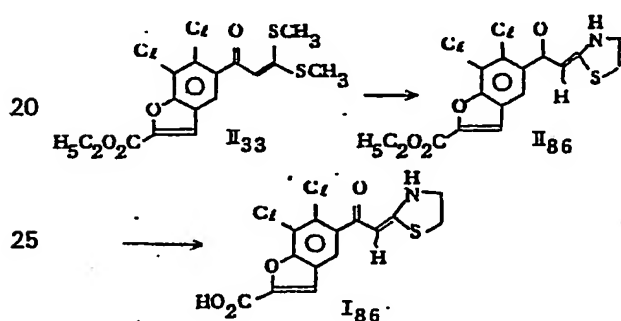
A mixture of 0.194 g (0.5 mmol) of the compound II<sub>35</sub> (Example 35) with 2 ml of pyrrolidine is reacted at room temperature for an hour, then azeotropically distilled with toluene to remove an excess of pyrrolidine. To the residue are added 0.140 g (1.0 mmol) of powdery potassium

carbonate, 0.08 g (0.6 mmol) of methyl iodide, and 2 ml of N,N-dimethylformamide, and the mixture is allowed to react for an hour while being stirred at room temperature. The product is chromatographed on a Lober column (type N) with a dichloromethane/ethyl acetate mixture (9:1) as an eluent to give 0.190 g (yield 84.4%) of the compound I<sub>85</sub>, m.p. 110–114°C. This is recrystallized from isopropyl ether/ethyl acetate to give 0.085 g (yield 37.8%) of compound I<sub>85</sub> as grayish white crystals, m.p. 115–116°C.

Anal. Calcd. (%) for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: C, 55.38; H, 5.31; Cl, 15.57; N, 6.15; S, 7.04. Found (%): C, 55.10; H, 5.15; Cl, 15.65; N, 6.11; S, 6.79.  
 IR ν<sub>max</sub> (Nujol): 1650, 1603, 1590 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  
 NMR δ<sub>ppm</sub> (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.63–2.28 (8H, m), 2.47 (3H, s), 3.07–4.05 (10H, m), 5.15 (1H, s), 5.23–5.58 (1H, m), 7.20 (1H).

#### Example 86

6,7-Dichloro-5-[2-(1,3-thiazolidin-2-ylidene)acetyl]-1-benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid



In the same manner as in Example 19 or 34, 0.173 g (0.4 mmol) of the compound II<sub>33</sub> (Example 33) is subjected to the reaction to give 0.107 g (yield 64.2%) of the compound II<sub>86</sub>, m.p. 226–223°C.

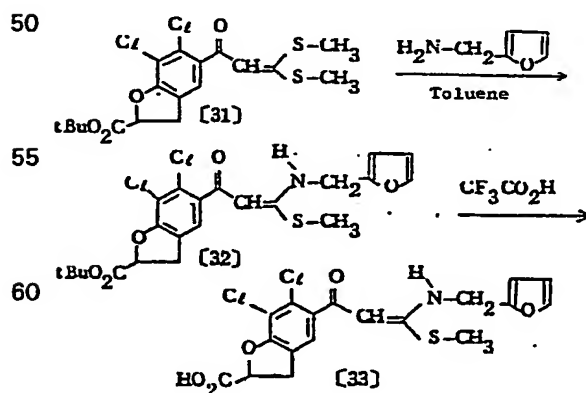
IR ν<sub>max</sub> (Nujol): 3230, 3100, 1715, 1610 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  
 NMR δ<sub>ppm</sub> (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.43 (3H, t), 3.13–4.23 (4H, m), 4.43 (2H, q), 5.57 (1H, s), 7.50 (1H, s), 7.63 (1H, s).

In the same manner as in Example 33, 0.100 g (0.3 mmol) of the compound II<sub>86</sub> is hydrolyzed to give 0.093 g (yield 100%) of the compound I<sub>86</sub>, m.p. 265–271°C (dec). This is recrystallized from acetone to give 0.087 g (yield 87.0%) of grayish white crystals, m.p. 268–272°C (dec).

Anal. Calcd. (%) for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S 1/2(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO: C, 48.07; H, 3.12; Cl, 18.31; N, 3.62; S, 8.28. Found (%): C, 48.35; H, 3.20; Cl, 18.55; N, 3.75; S, 8.51.  
 IR ν<sub>max</sub> (Nujol): 3235, 2675, 2540, 2460, 1705 1612 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### Example 87

Production of 6,7-dichloro-5-[3-(furfurylamino-3-(methylthio)-2-propenoyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylic acid [33]



## STEP 1

A mixture of 0.435 g (1 mmol) of tert-butyl 6,7-dichloro-5-(3,3-bismethylthio-2-propenoyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate [31], 0.177 g (1.2 mmol) of furfurylamine, and 1 ml of dry toluene is refluxed for 9 hours under heating. After condensation in vacuo, the residue is purified by silica gel chromatography to give 0.365 g (yield 75.3%) of the resinous compound [33].

IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 1749 (br), 1562 (br) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 11.65 (1H, br, D<sub>2</sub>O exchange), 7.38 (1H, m), 7.19 (1H, m), 6.31 (2H, d-like), 5.31 (s), 5.15 (m), 4.55 (2H, d), 3.73–3.15 (2H, m), 2.40 (3H, s), 1.48 (9H, s).

## STEP 2

A mixture of 0.36 g (0.74 mmol) of the compound [32] and 3.6 ml of trifluoroacetic acid is stirred at room temperature for 0.5 hour. After condensation in vacuo, the residue is recrystallized from a small amount of ether to give 0.30 g of the titled compound [33]. This is recrystallized from ethanol to give 0.22 g of crystals (yield 69.4%; 52.3% from [31]), m.p. 214–216°C (dec.).

Anal. Calcd. (%) for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S: C, 50.48; H, 3.53; Cl, 16.55; N, 3.27; S, 7.48. Found (%): C, 50.29; H, 3.61; Cl, 16.38; N, 3.22; S, 7.39.

IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (Nujol): 3200–2200(br)-1950(br), 1740, 1560 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

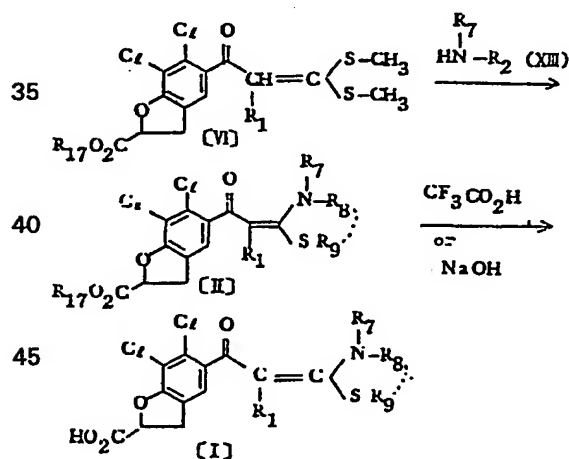
NMR  $\delta$ ppm (DMSO d-6): 1.53 (1H, t-br: D<sub>2</sub>O exchange), 7.65 (1H, m), 7.31 (1H, s-like), 6.42 (2H, m) [5.42 (s)+5.15 (d) 2H], 4.10 (2H, d), 3.84–3.2 (2H, m), 2.45 (3H, s).

Anal. Calcd. (%) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: C, 48.40; H, 2.98; Cl, 19.05; N, 3.76; S, 8.61. Found (%): C, 48.31; H, 3.26; Cl, 18.80; N, 3.64; S, 8.47.

IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (Nujol): 3365, 1752, 1602, 1585, 1570 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (DMSO d-6): 11.60 (1H, br), 7.23 (1H, s), 6.85 (1H, m), 6.18 (1H, m), 5.50 (1H, d), 3.9–3.2 (2H, m), 2.48 (3H, s).

## 30 Example 88–97



A mixture of a compound (VI) and 1.2 eq. amine compound (X III) in a solvent is refluxed under heating for 3.5 to 72 hours.

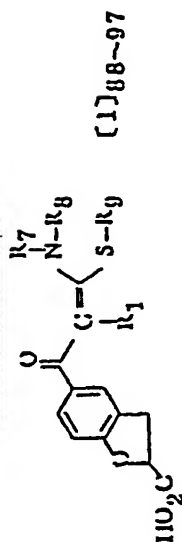
After condensation in vacuo, thus obtained residue is chromatographed on silica gel to give a compound (II), which is treated with trifluoroacetic acid (Method A) or with sodium hydroxide (Method B) for hydrolysis to give a compound (I). This is refined by recrystallization. Some examples are shown in the following Table 8 (Nos. 1–4).







Table 8 ( No. 4 )

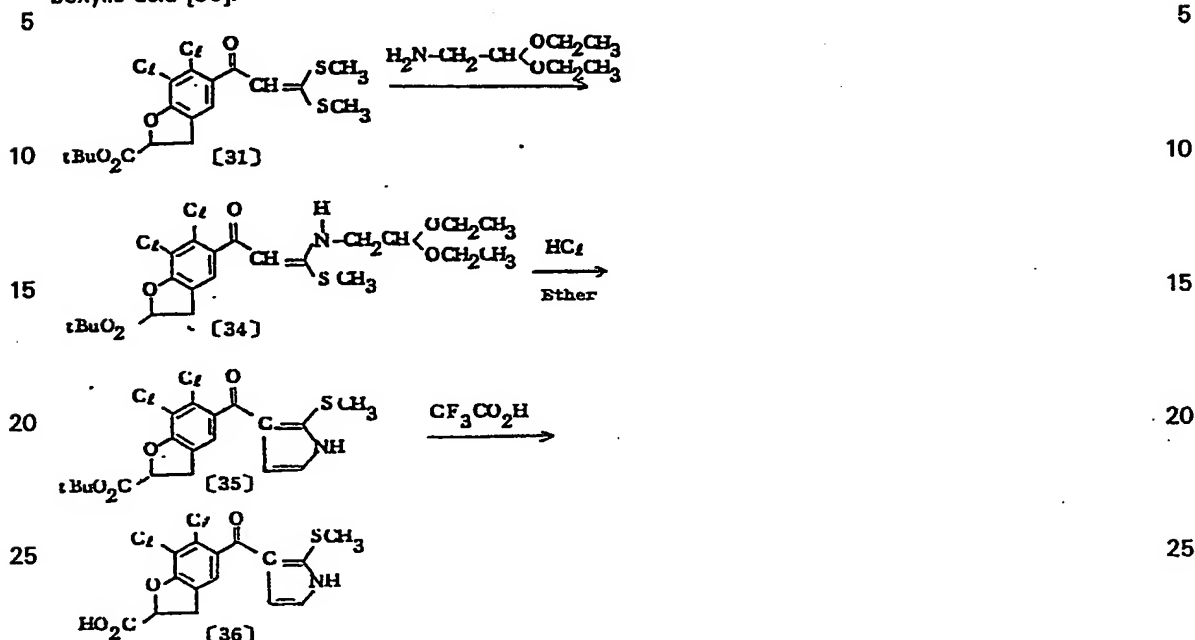


Exmple Nos.	IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	NMR ( $\delta$ DMSO-d-6 )
88	3200~2100~1800, 1737, 1610, 1555, 1510	12.85(1H, br) 7.39(1H) 7.25(2H, d) 6.95(2H, d) [5.48(s)+5.43(m, 2H)] 3.85~3.20(5H, m) 2.38(3H, s)
89	3200~2400, 1737, 1604, 1571	13.0(1H, s, br) 7.03~7.28(5H, m) 5.60(1H, s) 2.40(3H, s)
90	3200~2300(br), 1775, 1733, 1612, 1528, 1493	12.40(1H, brs) 7.43(1H, s) 7.17(3H, s) 5.49(1H, s) 5.45(1H, dd), 3.9~3.2(2H, m) 2.33(3H, s) 2.20(6H, s)
91	3200~2400(br), 1743, 1618, 1603, 1565	12.81(1H, s; br) 7.7~7.2(5H, m) 5.61(1H, s) 2.43(3H, s)
92	3200~2450(br), 1720(br), 1605~1550(br)	12.87(1H, s, br) 8.0~7.4(5H, m) 5.61(1H, s) 2.44(3H, s)
93	3200~2400(br), 2000~1850(br), 1743, 1608, 1562	11.55(1H, d) 7.30(1H, s) 5.20(1H, s) 3.8~3.18(3H, m) 2.40(3H, s) 2.1~1.2(10H, br)
94	3240~2500(br), 1730(br), 1614, 1567	10.2(br)+8.55(br):1H 7.25(1H, s, br) [5.75(br)+5.3(m)] 2:1H 4.0~3.0(6H, m)
95	3220~2720~2400, 1730, 1610, 1570	10.50+7.75(br, 1H) 7.01(1H, br) 5.40(1H, m) 4.0~3.0(6H, m) 1.61(3H, br)
96	~2420~(br), 2000~1800, 1730(br), 1609, 1565	7.25(1H, s) 5.56(1H, s) 5.42(1H, m) 3.8~2.8(9H)
97	~2500(br)~1800~(br) 1719, 1698, 1606	13~12(1H, br) 7.9~7.1(m, 5H) 6.27(1H, s) 5.45(1H, dd) 3.85~3.2(2H, m)



## Example 98

Production of 6,7-dichloro-5-[2-(methylthio)pyrrol-3-yl-carbonyl]-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylic acid [36].



In the same manner as in Example 97, 1.09 g (2.5 mmol) of the compound [31] is reacted with 0.33 g (2.5 mmol) of 2,2-diethoxyethylamine in toluene for 16 hours to give 1.02 g (yield 80.9%) of the compound [34].

NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 11.45 (1H, t-like), 7.22 (1H, s), 5.30 (1H, s), 5.19 (1H, d-d), 4.69 (1H, t); 3.85–3.2 (8H, m), 2.40 (3H, s), 1.48 (9H, s), 1.26 (6H, t).

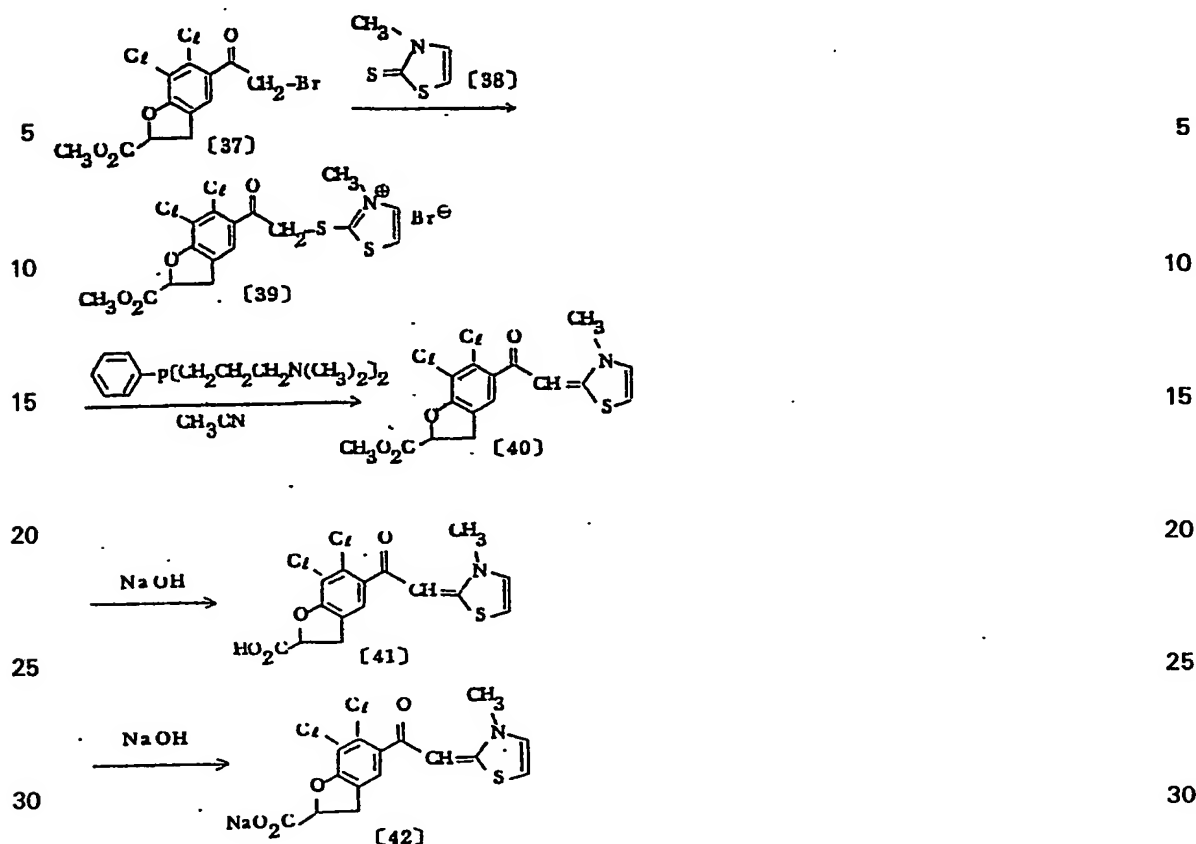
To a solution of 0.9 g (1.78 mmol) of the compound [34] in an ether (15 ml): dichloromethane (15 ml) mixture is added 8 ml (8 mmol) of 1N-hydrochloric acid in ether anhydrous, and the mixture is allowed to react at 5–25°C overnight. After condensation in vacuo, the residue is dissolved in dichloromethane, washed with an aqueous solution of sodium hydrogencarbonate, and then purified by silica gel chromatography to give 0.445 g (yield 58.2%) of the compound [35], m.p. 187–188°C.

NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 11.58 (1H, br), 7.20 (1H, s), 6.82 (1H, m), 6.15 (1H, m), 5.42 (1H, d-d), 3.85–3.15 (2H, m), 2.45 (3H, s), 1.47 (9H, s).

The compound [35] (0.445 g) is allowed to react with 5 ml of trifluoroacetic acid at room temperature for 1 hour, the reaction mixture is concentrated in vacuo, crystallized from ether, washed with a small amount of 50% ethanol, and recrystallized from 95% ethanol to give 0.21 g (yield 54.3%) of the titled compound [36], m.p. 232–234°C.

## Example 99

Production of 6,7-dichloro-5-[(3-methyl-4-thiazolin-2-ylidene)acetyl]-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylic acid [41] and the sodium salt [42]



In 10 ml of dry acetone, 3.68 g (10 mmol) of methyl 6,7-dichloro-5-bromoacetyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate [37] is treated, at 40–45°C for 5 hours, with 1.31 g (10 mmol) of N-methylthioazole-2-thione [38] (prepared according to M.O. Kolosova *et al.*, J. Gen. Chem. (USSR) 33 (8), 2706 (1963)). To the reaction mixture is added 10 ml of benzene, and the precipitating crystals are collected by filtration and washed with a small amount of acetone to give 4.73 g (yield 94.8%) of the compound [39], m.p. 126–128°C.

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (DMSO *d*-6): 8.42 (1H, d), 8.15 (1H, d), 7.96 (1H, s), 5.68 (1H, d-d), 5.40 (2H, s), 4.06 (s)-3.73 (s)-3.20 (8H, m).

To a suspension of 1.50 g (3 mmol) of the compound [39] in 10 ml of acetonitrile is added a solution of 0.308 g (3.3 mmol) of phenyl-bis[N,N-dimethylaminopropyl]phosphine (prepared according to Loeliger P. Org. Synthesis 55, 127 (1976)) in 1 ml of acetonitrile while being stirred under ice-cooling, and then the mixture is allowed to react for 0.5 hour while being stirred at room temperature. After condensed in vacuo, the residue is dissolved in dichloromethane, washed with 1N-sodium dihydrogenphosphate (NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>) solution and with water, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, concentrated in vacuo, and then purified by silica gel chromatography (Lobar column type B) to give 0.94 g (yield 81.1%) of an oily material, which is the methyl ester [40] of the tilted compound.

IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 1760, 1743, 1609, 1564 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.31 (1H, s-like), 6.88 (1H, d), 6.48 (1H, d), 6.04 (1H, d), 3.80 (3H, s), 3.7–3.2 (5H, m+s).

To a solution of 1.2 g (2.75 mmol) of the compound [40] dissolved in 15 ml of an ethanol/dichloromethane (2/1) mixture is added 4.7 ml (4.7 ml) of 1N-sodium hydroxide, and the mixture is subjected to hydrolysis at room temperature for an hour. After condensed in vacuo, the residue is adjusted to pH 3 with dil. hydrochloric acid and acetic acid to precipitate crystals, which are collected by filtration and washed with water and with ethanol to give 1.09 g (yield 95%) of the titled compound, m.p. 280–283°C (dec.).

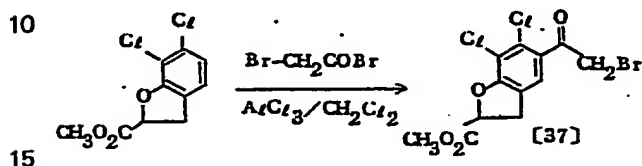
This is recrystallized from DMF/ethanol to give yellowish crystals, m.p. 280–283°C (dec.)

Anal. calcd. (%) for  $C_{15}H_{11}Cl_2NO_4S$ : C, 48.40; H, 2.98; Cl, 19.05; N, 3.76; S, 8.61. Found (%): C, 48.28; H, 3.11; Cl, 18.98; N, 3.77; S, 8.71.

IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (Nujol): 3140, 3120, 2000 (br), 2000–1800, 1733, 1607, 1520  $cm^{-1}$ .

NMR  $\delta$ ppm (DMSO  $d_6$ ): 7.40–7.35 (2H, m), 6.30 (1H, d), 6.00 (1H, s-like), 5.43 (1H, d-d), 3.85–3.2 (5H, m+s).

The starting material, i.e., methyl 6,7-dichloro-5-(bromoacetyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate [37] can be prepared according to the following reaction scheme.



To a solution of 6.2 g (25 mmol) of methyl 6,7-dichloro-2,3-dihydrobenzofurancarboxylate (m.p. 113–114°C: prepared according to William F. Hoffman J. Med. Chem., 24 865 (1981)) and 6.56 g (32.5 mmol) of bromoacetyl bromide dissolved in 62 ml of dry dichloromethane is added 8.6 g (65 mmol) of anhydrous aluminium chloride under ice-cooling, and then the mixture is allowed to react at room temperature for 3 hours. The reaction mixture is poured into a mixture of ice and hydrochloric acid, then extracted with dichloromethane, and washed with water. The organic layer is dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and concentrated in vacuo to give 8.5 g of crystals. This is recrystallized from benzene/cyclohexane to give 7.5 g (yield 81.5%) of the objective compound [37], m.p. 108–111°C.

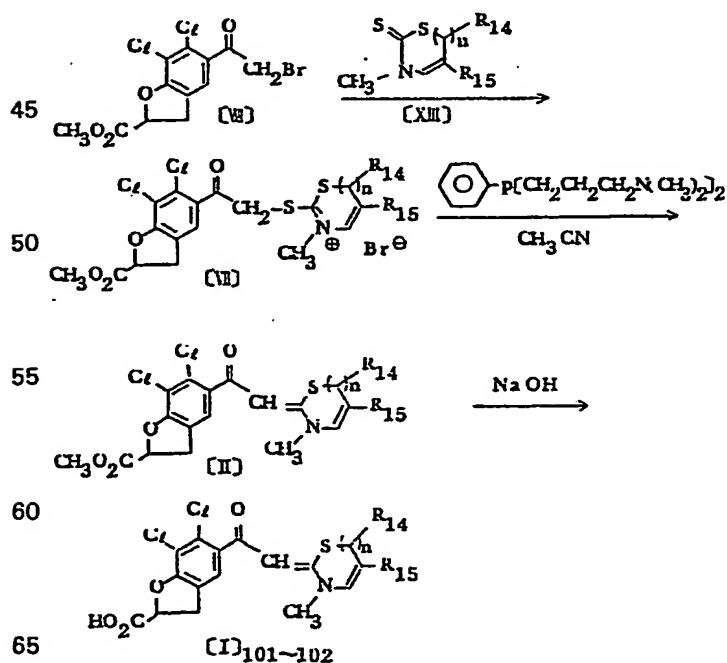
NMR  $\delta$ ppm ( $CDCl_3$ ): 7.35 (1H, s-like), 5.38 (1H, d-d), 4.48 (2H, s), 3.88–3.3 (5H, m+s).

\*Production of sodium salt [42]:

In 9.9 ml (99% molar ratio) of 0.1N-sodium hydroxide is dissolved 0.372 g (1 mmol) of the carboxylic acid [41]. The insoluble carboxylic acid is removed by filtration and the filtrate is concentrated in vacuo to give a residue, which is recrystallized from a small amount of water, collected by filtration under cooling, and washed with a small amount of ethanol to give 0.255 g (63.3%) of the sodium salt [42] containing 1/2 molecule of  $H_2O$ .

Anal. calcd. (%) for  $C_{15}H_{10}Cl_2NNaO_4S \cdot 1/2H_2O$ : C, 44.68; H, 2.75; Cl, 17.59; N, 3.47; Na, 5.70; S, 7.95. Found (%): C, 44.83; H, 2.89; Cl, 17.84; N, 3.56; Na, 5.60; S, 8.17. IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (Nujol): 3400, 3150, 1622, 1568, 1492  $cm^{-1}$ .

#### 40 Example 100–102



**STEP 1**

A solution of the compound (VIII) and a compound (X III) (1.1 molar eq. each) dissolved in dichloromethane or acetone is kept at room temperature for 2–3 days while being stirred. Ether  
5 is added to the reaction mixture to precipitate crystals, which is washed with ether to give a compound (VII). This may be used for the following step without purification. 5

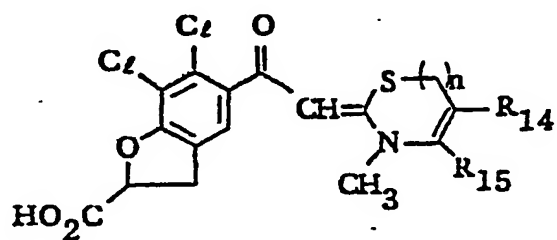
**STEP 2**

To a suspension of a compound (VIII) in dry acetonitrile is added 1.1 molar eq. of phenyl bis-  
10 (N,N-dimethylpropyl)phosphine, and the mixture is allowed to react at room temperature for an hour. After condensation in vacuo, the residue is dissolved in dichloromethane. The solution is  
10 washed with 1N-sodium hydrogenphosphate, then with water, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, concentrated in vacuo, and purified by silica gel chromatography to give a compound (II). 10

**STEP 3**

To a solution of a compound (II) dissolved in ethanol or an ethanol/dichloromethane mixture is  
15 added 1.5 eq. of 1N-sodium hydroxide for hydrolysis at room temperature. The reaction mixture is neutralized with dil. hydrochloric acid to precipitate crystals, which are recrystallized from a  
15 proper solvent to give a compound (I). Some examples are shown in Table 9 (Nos. 1–4). 15

Table 9 ( No. 1 )



[I]101~102

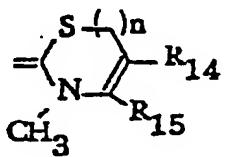
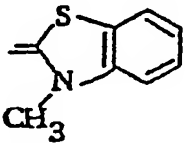
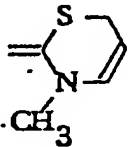
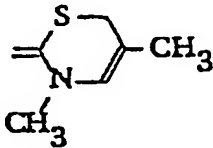
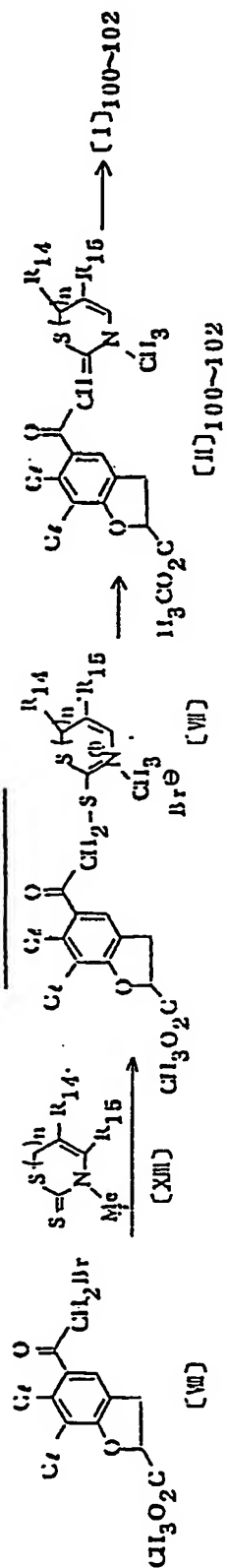

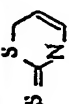
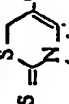
Example Nos.		Yield from [37]
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101		43.2%
102		60.4%

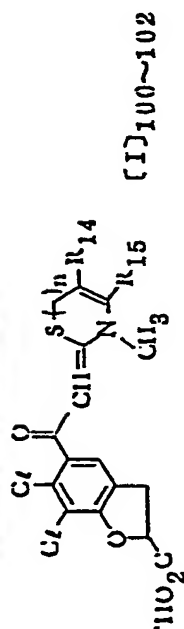
Table 9 ( No. 2 )



Example Nos.	Amount Used g (mmol)		[XIII]	Solvent (ml)		Temp.	Time	Yield (%)	[VI] m.p. (°C)	[X] Yield (%)	[I] Yield (%)
	[VII]										
100	1.47 (4)	 0.8 (4.4)		CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	r.t.	3 Days	80.5	121~122	81.3	60.7	
101	0.368 (1.0)	 0.16 (1.1)	※-b)	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (2)	r.t.	3 Days	79.8	115~117(d)	63.3	85.6	
102	0.48 (1.3)	 0.23 (1.44)	※-b)	acetone (3)	r.t.	2 Days	92.0	134~136	69.9	94.0	

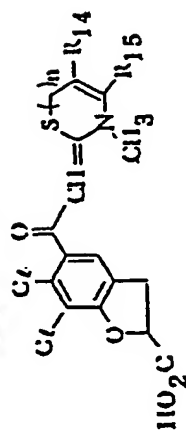
b) prepared according to the method disclosed in Garraway JCS 1004-1010 (1964)

Table 9 ( No. 3 )



Example Nos.	I R ( $\nu$ $\text{Nujol cm}^{-1}$ )	N M R ( $\delta$ $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )
100	~2500(br) ~1000~(br) 1747.1605.1554	7.9~7.1(5H, m) 6.30(1H, s) 5.45(1H, d-d) 3.9~3.2(5H, m+s)
101	3200~2300, ~1900~(br) ~1760(br), 1664, 1607, ~1530(br)	7.30(1H, s like) 6.35(1H, d) 5.84(1H, s) 5.5~5.1(2H, m) 3.83~3.15(7H, m+s)
102	3200~1800(br), 1730, 1604, 1540	7.29(1H, s like) 6.18(1H, br) 5.77(1H, s) 3.84~3.13(7H, m+s) 1.78(3H, s)

Table 9 ( No. 4 )



Exa. Nos.	Recrystall from	m.p. (°C)	Molecular formula	Elementary Analysis											
				Calcd. (A)						Found					
				C	H	Cl	N	S		C	H	Cl	N	S	
100	DMF - ethanol	283~285(d)	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> S	54.04	3.10	16.79	3.82	7.59		53.07	3.37	16.74	3.54	7.41	
101	DMF - ethanol	224~227(d)	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> S	49.75	3.39	18.36	3.63	8.30		49.71	3.49	18.35	3.77	8.00	
102	DMF - ethanol	219~221(d)	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>15</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> S	51.01	3.78	17.71	3.50	8.01		50.80	3.59	17.60	3.58	7.91	



### *Effect of the Invention*

Compounds prepared in Examples above are evaluated by the following pharmacological test.

#### 5 I. Test Method:

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Experiments with rats and mice were carried out according to Assay Programs #27-104 and #27-106, respectively. The outline is as follows.

##### 1. Bioassay for Diuretic Effect on Rats

10 *Slc:SD* 8-week-old rats (male, about 250g body-weight each) were used for the test. A few lumps of sugar in place of ordinary diets were given on the morning of the day before the test day and 5% glucose solution was given orally at a rate of 20 ml/kg in the evening (approx- 10 imately at 4 p.m.) of the test day. In the morning for the test, a sample which was prepared by suspending or dissolving a test compound in 2% gum arabic was orally administered to each at a dose of 20 ml/kg. On the other hand, mere by 2% gum arabic was orally administered to the 15 control group at 20 ml/kg. Immediately after the administration, the test animals were put in a plastic cage for the metabolic tests and their urine samples were collected for 5 hours. The cumulative urine volume, urinary sodium (Na'), and urinary potassium (K') were quantitatively 15 determined.

##### 2. Bioassay for Diuretic Effect on Mice

20 *Slc:ddy* 5-week-old mice (female, about 20g body-weight each) were used for the test. From the morning of the day before the test day, the mice were fasted but water. In the morning of the test day, a sample which was prepared by suspending or dissolving a test compound in 2% gum arabic was orally administered to each at 30 ml/kg. On the other hand, mere by 2% gum arabic was orally administered to the control group at 30 ml/kg. Immediately after the adminis- 25 tration, 5 mice employed were put in a plastic cage for the metabolic tests and their urine samples were collected for 4 hours. The cumulative urine volume, urinary sodium (Na'), and urinary potassium (K') were quantitatively determined. 25

#### II. Test Results.

30 Results on some typical compounds are shown in Table 10.

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Results regarding the urine volume are shown by percentages to control (100%). Also, results regarding the urinary sodium (Na') and the urinary potassium (K') are shown by percentages to control (100%). The asterisk\* indicates that the compounds are recognized to be significantly effective.

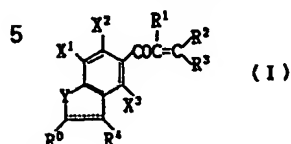


Table 10 (Continued)

Example Nos.	Structural formula of Test Compound	Int				House			
		Dose (mg)	Urine Vol. (%)	Urinary Na <sup>+</sup> (%)	Urinary K <sup>+</sup> (%)	Dose (mg)	Urine Vol. (%)	Urinary Na <sup>+</sup> (%)	Urinary K <sup>+</sup> (%)
28						30	222 ml	905 ml	260 ml
67		50	148 ml	377 ml	306 ml	30	192 ml	610 ml	232 ml
70		50	154 ml	459 ml	374 ml	30	144 ml	410 ml	178 ml
80		10	101 ml	211 ml	101 ml	30	264 ml	738 ml	344 ml
98		10	157 ml	445 ml	254 ml	30	222 ml	810 ml	292 ml

## CLAIMS

1. A compound of formula (I)



- 10 wherein  $X^1$ ,  $X^2$ , and  $X^3$  are each independently hydrogen, halogen or  $CH_3$ ; Y is an oxygen or sulfur atom;  $R^1$  is hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, aralkyl or akoxycarbonyl;  $R^2$  is  $SR^5$ ,  $OR^6$  or  $NR^7R^8$ , wherein  $R^5$  is hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl or carbamoylmethyl,  $R^6$  is alkyl,  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  are each independently hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, furylmethyl or acyl or
- 15 when  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  are considered together with the adjacent nitrogen atom they may form pyrrolidino, piperidino or morpholino or one of  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  is hydrogen and the other is  $-C(O)R^{22}$  where  $R^{22}$  is alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkylene or substituted alkylene;  $R^3$  is  $SR^9$  or  $S(O)RR^{10}$ , wherein  $R^9$  is hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or aralkyl and  $R^{10}$  is alkyl;  $R^4$  is hydrogen or alkyl,  $R^5$  is  $CHO$ ,  $COCH_3$ ,  $COOCH_2COOH$ ,  $CN$ ,  $CH=NOH$ ,  $COOR^{17}$ ,  $CH_2OR^{18}$ ,  $CONR^{19}R^{20}$  or  $CH_2OC(O)CH_2R^{21}$ , wherein  $R^{17}$  is hydrogen, alkali metal, or alkyl,  $R^{18}$  is hydrogen, alkyl or acyl,  $R^{19}$  and  $R^{20}$  are each independently hydrogen or alkyl or  $R^{19}$  and  $R^{20}$  may form pyrrolidino together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, and  $R^{21}$  is hydrogen or lower alkyl;
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- 25 may be and,

may be any one of the followings:

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- 35 wherein Z is O, S, or NH, Z' is S or N- $R^{12}$ , Z'' is S, NH or N- $CH_3$ ,  $R^{11}$  is hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy, carbonyl or methylene,  $R^{12}$ ,  $R^{13}$ ,  $R^{14}$  and  $R^{16}$  are each independently hydrogen or alkyl,  $R^{15}$  is hydrogen or carbonyl, and the dotted line represents the presence or absence of a double bond.
2. A compound as claimed in claim 1 and referred to hereinbefore.
3. A salt of a compound as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2.
- 40 4. A process for preparing a compound as claimed in claim 1, which process comprises effecting at least one step as presented hereinbefore in any one of Reaction Schemes 1 to 10 and which leads directly to such a compound.
5. A process for preparing a compound as claimed in claim 1 and substantially as hereinbefore described in any one of the Examples.
- 45 6. A pharmaceutical or veterinary formulation comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 or a salt as claimed in claim 3, in either case formulated for pharmaceutical or veterinary use, respectively.
7. A formulation as claimed in claim 6 and in unit dosage form.
8. A formulation as claimed in claim 6 or claim 7 and also comprising an acceptable diluent,
- 50 carrier or excipient.
9. A method of making a medicament for producing an antihypertensive, diuretic or uricosuric effect, which method comprises formulating a compound as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 or a salt as claimed in claim 3 for such purpose.